

**COMMITTEE:** General Assembly 3

**QUESTION OF:** Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against women

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

*Recalling* previous relevant United Nations resolutions, such as Resolution 11 (1946) and Resolution 1987/22, resulting in the creation of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), which is “dedicated exclusively to gender equality and advancement of women”,

*Further recalling* the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which states: “Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person...No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment...Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law”,

*Alarmed* that in many parts of the world as many as 38% of women report experiencing physical abuse from a partner,

*Noting with regret* that these numbers most likely do not accurately represent the rates of physical abuse of women, as many women fear retribution from their partner,

*Acknowledging* the range of ways in which violence against women occurs, including sexual violence such as rape, dowry murder, honour killing, psychological abuse, genital mutilation, and human trafficking, and is not limited to a specific culture, age, social class, nation or region, but is prevalent worldwide,

*Deeply conscious* that the issue of empowering women must be addressed through several different approaches, each corresponding to the root of individual problems, including poverty, cultural bias, and lack of education,

*Supporting* the launch of Ban Ki-moon’s UNiTE To End Violence Against Women campaign, which aims to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls in all parts of the world, and other organizations such as Amnesty International (AI), and Human Rights Watch (HRW) which focuses on the fight for women’s rights,

*Aware of* the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) signed in the UN General Assembly in 1981, which requires member states to take all appropriate steps to end violence against women, and previous efforts to solve this issue such as the International Violence Against Women Survey (IWAS) initiated in 1997,

*Noting* that violence against women provides no benefits to any society, but rather furthers discrimination, conflict, poverty, the spread of HIV/AIDS and impedes economic and social progress and that many UN member states remain without adequate legislation designed to prevent and control violence against women,

*Further noting* that allowing the continuance of assigning women submissive roles within their homes and society perpetuates a vicious cycle leaving women dependent on their abusers and denying women access to educational economic opportunities,

1. Invites all member states to review their own national laws to ensure no legal tolerance of violence against women, and to amend and add laws as they see fit to promote this;
2. Encourages all states to require their judiciaries properly and fully to prosecute perpetrators of violence against women, including but not limited to cases of:
  - a) Domestic violence
  - b) Sexual slavery
  - c) Honour killings
  - d) Rape;
3. Asks that states take measures to ensure that all law enforcement officials receive training that will prepare them justly and properly to investigate and pursue cases brought to them by women and that they hire women as law enforcement officers to begin a reduction of gender-bias in law enforcement;
4. Calls for member states to combat the severity of long standing gender roles that contribute to inequality in conjunction with existing efforts by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) by:
  - a) instating anti-sexism programmes on a local level
  - b) encouraging local governments to monitor their public school systems to ensure equality within education
  - c) providing stipends to families of girls to allow them to continue their education, as well as other incentives in the form of:
    - i. midday meals
    - ii. books
    - iii. uniforms
  - d) distributing informational materials, all of which would promote the equality of women as well as their value in society, in the form of:
    - i. pamphlets
    - ii. career training courses
    - iii. advertising campaigns on a local level within member states
    - iv. working with media outlets to prevent premature sexualization and commercialization of female children;
5. Emphasizes the need for continued data collection in all member states in order to find specific patterns in violence against women, and consequently to improve the prevention of further crimes of this nature;
6. Requests the development of an annual conference as an extension of the former World Conference on Women to discuss:
  - a) the effectiveness of current actions being taken to protect women

- b) the need for changes to current programming in order to address the issue more effectively
  - c) data collected worldwide;
7. Further requests biannual inspections of workplaces, universities, schools and other institutions, carried out by Human Rights Watch in collaboration with UNiTE, to ensure that discrimination against women does not occur in:
- a) positions in the workplace
  - b) salary or overall treatment;
8. Recommends that all states implement stricter punishment for assault, attempted assault, rape and attempted rape to emphasize zero-tolerance of such heinous acts and discourage future violence, including:
- a) longer imprisonment, with uniform minimum sentences to be determined based on the specific crime
  - b) the payment of reparations to compensate the affected party for physical and psychological damage;
9. Supports the education of offenders and their reintroduction into society in order to eliminate or reduce their chances of reoffending by:
- a) properly educating them about the consequences of violence towards women and discouraging gender discrimination
  - b) reintegrating them into the community by helping them to find employment and ensuring that they live in safe conditions
  - c) providing them with adequate, specific psychological treatment according to the extent of the crime and the background of the offender;
10. Urges all nations to further support the power of their individual governmental branches pertaining to women's interests and rights or other governmental entity of the same function that will be responsible for:
- a) collecting data relating to violence against women in order to identify trends in abuse against women and children, consequently preventing crimes of this nature
  - b) ensuring the interests and needs of women are reflected in the political process
  - c) educating the public to promote gender equality so that women's empowerment is aligned with cultural and social norms
  - d) devising plans to tackle the issue of violence against women in areas in crisis, including those affected by natural disasters and political instability;
11. Encourages member states to take advantage of the guidance available from UN Women in the Handbook for Legislation on Violence Against Women to:
- a) prevent gender-based violence
  - b) protect the rights of victims
  - c) learn established guidelines allowing policy makers and advocates to prepare beneficial plans and policies to prevent and control violence;
12. Asks for the development of women-specific initiatives in LEDCs in conjunction with the

UNDP that would:

- a) further support already existing micro-financing programmes
- b) provide women with the means necessary to build and run their own businesses through small loans
- c) criminalise sexual harassment in the workplace
- d) provide financial incentives for businesses to hire women;

13. Calls upon the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to create a sub-division to ensure that every country has safe-houses for women who are experiencing or have experienced abuse of any kind which would without cost provide:

- a) complete anonymity for residents to protect their identities
- b) medical care by professional doctors that are trained to take care of assault victims
- c) psychologists trained to treat individuals with traumatic stress disorders relating to their previous abuse
- d) group counselling with other victims to assist in reintegrating these women back into society
- e) employment and legal counselling that would provide assistance to re-enter the workforce and to pursue prosecution of crimes committed
- f) specifically support meeting the needs of migrant or refugee women
- g) childcare to allow women to find work and actively be involved in their positions,
- h) educate women of their rights especially including, but not limited to:
  - i. protection from her violator,
  - ii. the right to report an assault,
  - iii. the right to remove herself from any situation in which she feels victimized or in danger
  - iv. the right to remove herself from the shelter at her discretion, and her discretion only;

14. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.

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**29 March 2012**

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#### Dhirubhai Ambani International MUN (DAIMUN)

**19-22 October 2011**

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**20-22 October 2011**

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#### Cairo American College Model United Nations (CACMUN)

**20-23 October 2011**

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**Panama Model United Nations (PANAMUN)****26-28 October 2011**P.O. Box 0819-02588, Panama,  
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**Haileybury Model United Nations,****23-25 March 2012**c/o Haileybury and Imperial College, Hertford  
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Proletarskaya Dictatura St. 1, 193124 St.  
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