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Topic: Promotion of Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

Committee 2: Protection from Human Rights Violation

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW),

Mindful of the goals set by the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) since its establishment,

Reaffirming the values and rights declared in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948)*,

Aware of the ideas shared in the *Geneva Convention* in 1949,

Reaffirming S/RES/2242 (2015) calls for the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda,

Recognizing the definitions of domestic violence as defined in A/RES/18/147 (1992),

Recalling the series of resolutions on the ‘intensification of effort to eliminate all forms of violence against women: A/RES/64/137 (2009), A/RES/63/155 (2008), A/RES/62/133 (2007) and A/RES/61/143 (2006),

Recalling further the series of resolutions on the *Elimination of all forms of violence, including crimes against women: A/RES/59/167 (2005), A/RES/57/181 (2003), and A/RES/55/68 (2001),*

Taking into account the series of resolutions on *In-depth study of all forms of violence against women, A/RES/60/136 (2005) and A/RES/58/185 (2003),*

Deeply disturbed by the prevalence of domestic violence in the world, in countries with widely ranging economic and social situations,

Reaffirming the position of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) that refugees are in serious danger as a result of a severe funding crisis,

Deploring the practice of female genital mutilation, especially in unsanitary conditions, which is a clear violation of women's rights, and is a threat to their future,

Dismayed that many women are forced into marriage,

Expressing concern about the prevalence of child marriage in Latin America where 29% of women under 18 are married or in union, and that it is also prevalent in Africa and India,

Reaffirming Resolution 2010/12 that aims to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration,

1. *Urges* Member States to implement legislation based on gender equality;
2. *Suggests* Member States implement governmental financial support for women in situations that may endanger their basic human rights, including but not limited to: victims of domestic violence, victims of sexual abuse, single unemployed women, single mothers, divorcees, refugees;
3. *Draws* attention to the lack of information concerning victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse, and requests Member States to focus on collecting, for instance, through anonymous surveys, national censuses, reliable publications, and official governmental sources, more numerous and reliable statistics concerning these issues;
5. *Welcomes* any UN initiative to send counselors or psychologists, and medical doctors into countries where domestic violence is the most prevalent whose role would be to assist victims of such acts, as well as to raise awareness on that issue;
6. *Suggests* the creation of shelters for women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse;
7. *Encourages* an increase in female police officers and community officers placed in known areas with a high occurrence of domestic violence and sexual abuse;
8. *Calls upon* Member States to create new, and to utilize existing, fundraising campaigns for female refugees and advocate that same-nation expatriates contribute to these efforts;
9. *Invites* Member States to implement an affordable integration course for refugees into the public academic system in order to promote education for refugees and thus, working sector growth in the refugees' adopted countries;
10. *Supports* the creation of platforms that provide safe and stable accommodation for refugees in the interest of safety for both the host countries and the refugees;

11. *Fully supports* an increase in the number of reception offices and desks for refugee registration at borders to enhance the registration rate of refugees already in the country;

12. *Stresses* the existence of support systems for female refugees who have suffered from sexual violence, such as Women's Helpline (016) operated by the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE);

13. *Recognizes that* child marriage is a violation of the rights of girls, and encourages the following;

- a. Important steps must be taken to improve the quality of education, to improve the security of women, and to improve the legal status of women; for that purpose, the government should establish compulsory education for all;
- b. The government should provide the opportunity to educate men about the risks associated with child pregnancy, childbearing, and motherhood before women are physically and psychologically prepared;

14. *Demands* Member States take strong action against female genital mutilation, by increasing the penalty incurred by perpetrators of such practices.