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Agenda Item: **Eliminating Domestic Violence for Women's and Girls' Safety**

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women
Protecting Women and Girls from Gender-Based Violence

The United Nations Women Executive Board,

Acknowledging that according to a 2013 report by the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the realization of gender equality and the economic empowerment of women is essential for addressing the structural and underlying causes of violence against women and girls,

Concerned about rising disproportionate rates of discrimination against religious communities, as according to the Collective Against Islamophobia in Europe's 2023 report, more than 81.5% of victims of Islamophobic attacks were women,

Alarmed by the lack of accessibility to violence-reporting resources for underrepresented and rural/sparsely populated communities,

Fully alarmed that, according to a 2025 report by the World Health Organization (WHO), nearly one in three (31.6%) women globally have experienced physical and/or sexual violence, and according to UN Women, 16.4% of women aged 15 to 49 reported being subjected to intimate partner violence, and aware that unsafe communities raise the risk of violence against women and girls,

Bearing in mind a 2026 report by United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) emphasizing that girls and boys aged 15-19 years old considered a husband to be justified in hitting or beating his wife,

Recognizing that the lack of comprehensive gender equality education and healthy relationship education contributes to the continued occurrence of domestic violence against women and girls, as emphasized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education,

Deeply concerned that, according to the 2025 report released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), nearly 50,000 women and girls were killed by their

partner or family member, underscoring the persistent reality of femicide as a result of domestic violence,

Alarmed that Gender-Based Violence (GBV) includes domestic violence, sexual assault and rape, female genital mutilation and other forms of GBV,

Concerned about the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Database on the Prevalence of Violence Against Women indicating that 24% of women aged 15 and older in Kenya experienced such violence last year, and 41% have experienced it over their lifetime by an intimate person,

Reaffirming that femicide remains one of the most extreme manifestations of gender-based violence globally, as a 2024 UNODC and UN Women research report estimates that around 50,000 women and girls were killed in the private sphere, and about 60 percent of all intentional killings of women and girls are committed by intimate partners, with further concern about a critical accountability gap in global data collection,

Believing “UNICEF for every child” emphasizes the importance of receiving positive gender education from early ages about gendered norms, attitudes, and expectations from family, community, and society,

1. *Suggests* all Member States cooperate with the UN Women's Training Centre in order to provide high-quality training courses, programmes and resources on educating women about empowerment and raising awareness on skill development;
2. *Encourages* all Member States to ensure that the implementation of new measures does not backfire promotion of women's rights does not lead to the rejection of, or discrimination against, specific religions or cultures;
3. *Encourages* the creation of an initiative to expand the accessibility of violence reporting systems, which would help women and girls in rural areas, and places without substantial internet access, or otherwise difficult to reach areas, in reporting and receiving support for GBV incidents by:
 - a. Using already existing national and international 24-hour domestic violence support hotlines and online outreach resources as a starting point to reach out to further-to-reach communities;
 - b. Adapting and translating underrepresented languages into all of the six primary languages recognized by and used within the United Nations General Assembly, in order to provide understanding and support to as many victims as possible;
 - c. Operating under a system of regional officers in one network within each Member State, with the goal of bringing in aid and awareness to underrepresented communities and reporting back to regional officers, informing lesser-contacted populations, who would report to a tiered system in the following order:
 - i. Network of regional/municipal informative officers;

- ii. National-level offices;
 - iii. UNODC;
 - d. Advocating the governments of each Member State for more accessible infrastructure into rural and otherwise less/sparsely populated areas in order to better provide support to said areas;
4. *Encourages* Member States to establish a reporting system that combines state-led prevention with local governments, community policing organizations aiming at improving public safety for prevention, and protecting against domestic violence by:
- a. Building a connection between community policing organizations and local governments;
 - b. Establishing a manual, which will operate as follows:
 - i. When community policing identifies signs that suggest the presence of domestic violence, community police promptly contact local governments by using convenient messengers for communities;
 - ii. Local governments share UN Women's guidelines in the case of domestic violence with communities, and develop countermeasures from a micro perspective;
 - c. Collecting information mentioned below, while ensuring that the privacy of the victims is still effectively maintained:
 - i. Data for faster police response, such as call history, risk index, household composition, hotspot maps;
 - ii. Data for effective community support, such as response line information, incident trends, latent risks, support needs;
5. *Recommends* Member States implement a national five-year action plan to cooperate with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and healthcare providers through government-funded partnerships and institutions, which will provide aid and support to women affected by domestic violence and GBV, including, but not limited to:
- a. Building shelters to host women, and reducing girls experiencing violence, both for emergency situations and long-term support;
 - b. Establishing state and privately-supported medical aid, counseling, therapy, and other mental health services to continuously support victims and their trauma;

6. *Recommends* Member States continuously work to support victims of domestic and GBV via legal aid, should a domestic violence case be brought to a state judge by:
 - a. Providing state-funded free legal aid and consultation programs;
 - b. Providing legal representation and general legal guidance for victims throughout judicial proceedings;
7. *Encourages* UN Women to create a framework for cooperation with primary and secondary schools, high schools, universities, and teacher training institutions to promote gender equality education and programs that teach healthy relationships in schools and local communities in order to prevent domestic violence against women and girls by:
 - a. Requesting UN Women to provide educational materials and technical support for awareness programs by 2031;
 - b. Supporting Member States in developing teacher training programs focused on identifying and responding to domestic violence and unhealthy relationship risks among students by 2035;
 - c. Supporting Member States in integrating gender equality and domestic violence prevention into national school curricula, in accordance with their national education systems, by 2038;
8. *Encourages* all Member States to create an action plan with UN Women, enabling all Member States to promote women's rights with a similarly proactive stance, while maintaining the flexibility to tailor its approach to specific circumstances of each country;
9. *Encourages* Member States to establish specialized integrated Anti-GBV Police Units at police headquarters by 2035 by:
 - a. Creating Anti-GBV Units using foundation supports from Official Development Assistance (ODA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
 - b. Having police or government promote activities to reduce GBV such as active patrolling, publicization of perpetrators, posters, and events focused on anti-GBV;
 - c. Having Anti-GBV Units composed of at least 30% female officers by:
 - i. Including survivors as staff and counselors, who can also advise an Outreach Program to spread awareness of GBV to local schools;
 - ii. Providing a new workplace for survivors where they can work comfortably without fear of being revictimized;

- iii. Supplying a shelter where all females and girls can contact a counselor 24/7 using free hotlines;
 - d. Collaborating with courts, and if possible, Sexual & Gender Based Violence (SGBV) courts, to prioritize domestic violence cases to ensure timely access to justice;
10. *Invites* all Member States to support UN Women and UNODC in their mission to ensure data-sharing regarding all victims is available by:
- a. Encouraging UN Women to establish regional data-sharing mechanisms to track femicide rates consistently;
 - b. Encouraging all Member States to develop coordinated referral systems that link reporting mechanisms with healthcare providers, legal aid, shelters, and local authorities to ensure directing victims to appropriate support;
 - c. Promoting cooperation between Member States through the exchange and receipt of strategies for data collection;
11. *Suggests* that all Member States implement gender-transformative education programs funded by UNICEF for every child by:
- a. Aiming to teach children about gender and equality education from kindergarten to secondary school;
 - b. Spreading awareness to Member States, in order to promote education and prevent domestic violence before it happens, especially those with a notable lack of education and public information capabilities for such.