



## Third Committee

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**Gender Equality: Violence Against Women**

### **Draft Resolution 3.1**

**Sponsors: Switzerland, Norway, Australia, Belgium, India, United Kingdom, Italy, Finland**

**Signatories: South Africa, Israel, Tunisia, Nepal, Georgia, Spain, Portugal, DPR of Korea, United States, Ghana, New Zealand, Greece**

### **Gender Equality: Violence Against Women**

*The Third Committee,*

*Recalling* the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women which are imperative in prohibiting all forms of violence against women,

*Recalling* other resolutions, such as A/RES/59/167 and A/RES/61/143 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in their efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women,

*Acknowledging* that violence against women exists in every country in the world,

*Realizing* that violence against women prohibits women's full enjoyment of human rights,

*Stressing* that there is an urgent need to stop the rife nature of violence against women,

*Also stressing* the need of awareness of the specific regional and national culture and sensitivities in this matter,

*Pointing out* that education amongst women has shown to diminish violence within the said group,

1. Suggests establishing a specialized institution under the wing of UNIFEM, which will engage in activities world-wide in cooperation with governments and local NGOs, beginning by sending representatives to all members willing to address violence against women;
2. Suggests the representatives to be chosen by UNIFEM provided that the host country is in agreement;
3. Declares the purpose of the institution to be to raise awareness of the different forms of violence, as well as the legal rights of women through educational measures, consisting of:
  - a. awareness raising campaigns,
  - b. educational programs teaching individuals about their legal rights,
  - c. educational programs aimed at the development of basic skills and qualifications, especially adequate for income generating activities within the region,
  - d. educational programs in order to educate women's rights whilst being respectful towards their cultural environment;
  - e. educational programs on women's rights specifically targeting professional groups that encounter violated women, such as the police, judiciary and medical personnel;
4. Proposes to bestow upon the international UNIFEM representative(s) the authority to recruit volunteers and professionals on a local and a national level, who are sufficiently familiar with the cultural context of their region and adequately trained, and to serve as educational guides in their homeland with respect to the goals, strategy and training of UNIFEM;
5. Suggests that the professionals make legislative recommendations to the member states involved and to UNIFEM;
6. Suggests that funding for the said programs should be provided by international aid programs and the United Nations budget, with the possibility of voluntary contributions by member states;
7. Urges all countries to include measures concerning violence against women in their own national legislation;
8. Expresses the hope that all countries will cooperate in this matter.