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Topic A: “Lack of Attention for Minorities regarding Sexual Assault, in Central America and Underdeveloped Countries”



Welcoming letter

**"AMBITION IS THE PATH TO SUCCESS,
PERSISTENCE IS THE VEHICLE YOU ARRIVE IN".**

-BILL BRADLEY.

Greetings delegates, we are very excited to welcome you to the tenth edition of the CFMUN. We hope you learn a lot in this UN WOMEN committee, remembering that the future is in your hands. It is with great pleasure that we can say that you are fully prepared and ready to face future challenges. With creativity and action, you can do everything possible. Raise awareness, research, and always DO something about it. Don't forget to have fun!

Sincerely,
Elena and Regina



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I. Committee Background

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women. UN Women is dedicated to the empowerment of women and gender equality. It is known as a global champion for women and girls, that accelerates progress in meeting their needs worldwide. This organization supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programs, and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It is a dynamic and strong champion for women and girls, providing them with a powerful voice at the global, regional, and local levels.



UN Women, among other issues, works for the:

- Elimination of discrimination against women and girls.
- Empowerment of women.
- Achievement of equality between women and men.



II. Introduction to the Topic

Sexual assault is an issue that the world has been facing since the beginning of time. Nonetheless, until recent years, victims are courageous enough to do something positive about it. Raising their voices is the primary step to ending this outrageous form of violence, since this is a problem that has been affecting women all over the world, but mainly in Central America.

The prevailing scenario is that, due to their status as a minority and their limited resources, civilians tend to overlook the issue and persist with the traumatic events on a consistent basis. Which is of maximum concern.

Firstly, one of the difficulties we are facing is the human beings assaulting, the victims are frequently their own family, and the circle of relatives protects the assaulted in preference from the victim, which is degrading.



Another obstacle is that this subject is considered taboo, which prevents the sufferers from discussing sexual matters.

However, the victim is commonly scared and if they do communicate, they may be silenced. Due to the lack of awareness, humans are being assaulted every day, and no longer even their circle of relatives helps. Furthermore, there is a lack of understanding and support that the victim needs to come forward and report their abuser.

Moreover, when the victim exhibits courage in reporting their abuser, the authorities refrain from taking any action, if it is a person of importance. Actually, they silence the victim and alert the abuser instead of helping the victim and doing their job.



Although, all people are can go through any similar situation. Nonetheless, who are the most vulnerable are women and girls because of the oppression that still exists, and is much more present in these communities, because women are seen as less than men and often victimized and discriminated against.

Nevertheless, what happens in these communities has to be known and corrected, this is why we have to raise awareness and pressure the authorities into actually doing something. Or create a non-governmental organization to help these kinds of places, and give the kindness and support that victims need.



III. Evolution of the Topic

This problem has been ongoing for decades, it gained international attention first in the early 2000s, when stories about sexual violence started to emerge and the information started to spread worldwide. Despite the efforts of a lot of movements, a lot of big teams are still afraid to come forward, and so there has not been a lot of evolution either in awareness or help.

The journey ahead is undeniably lengthy, requiring concerted efforts to swiftly and effectively aid victims. To catalyze real change, it's imperative that we not only develop solutions but also intensify awareness campaigns on a global scale. The reluctance of significant teams to come forward indicates a pervasive culture of silence that needs to be dismantled through persistent advocacy, education, and stigmatization.



There is a long road to get there, so we can help the victims effectively immediately.

It is crucial that we start coming up with solutions that actually are effective for this problem and more importantly raising awareness.

IV. Relevant Events

A. Panorama

Sexual assault remains a concerning issue in Central America and underdeveloped countries. One of the remaining concerns is, undoubtedly, the dearth of information regarding the subject, as well as the dearth of assistance from the government and law enforcement in these communities. It is especially saddening that culture plays a role in sexual assault, which results in underreporting.

There is also an amazing lack of trust in the people who are supposed to protect them, making most victims just fall into oppression.

Despite recent information, people have come together and created the #MeToo Movement, which has shown the people some faith and kindness that is left in the world. Although, this has not changed the fact that there are still many people suffering from these kinds of issues.



B. Points of View

Seeing it from a social perspective, the lack of attention to underdeveloped countries talking about sexual assault is a human rights violation. The same communities are not afforded the same level of attention or resources that all individuals require, as they perceive it as less significant compared to other countries with greater significance.

From an economic standpoint, it is evident that a significant number of governments are unable to provide financial assistance to their communities that lack resources. This is a significant issue that requires creative solutions that do not rely only on government resources or the identification of sponsors that can be highly beneficial and efficient.



Mostly because the violence is sometimes inside their home and as previously mentioned culture has a very big impact on how the victims react, there's not a lot of information about how many victims or how many people have been affected by this.

Another movement that has been known is their #TimesUp. This Movement is shown in the workplace, and it aims to give support to the victims and encourage them to go to report the crime.

Furthermore, another movement has developed that is called "sexual assault is not a joke" for this movement's object is to raise awareness and educate people on what consent is and what is also considered an inappropriate intervention.



As previously mentioned, culture has a very big weight on how the victims react. So it would be essential to give some insight into the culture of each community so you can convince them of what is wrong and what is right without disrespecting their culture.

Moreover, from a gender perspective, the patrol car system may be a significant factor in the number of women and girls, and the fact that individuals are being deprived of their human race. This is a difficult issue to rectify, as it has been stated for a considerable period. Nevertheless, with the appropriate education and insight on the subject, individuals can effectively alter their attitudes and behaviours towards misogyny and patriarchy.

Sexual assault is unethical from every angle that it is perpetrated. Nonetheless, the most crucial factor is to identify a swift, efficient, and economical solution to rectify this issue.

V. UN and External Actions

A. UN Actions

The UN specifically does not have solutions to this problem in Central America, but has solutions for all the world.

They advocate and support the women and girls who can not speak from the experiences of violence, so they can have access to quality, safe, and essential services, and they help to recover faster, especially those who suffer more discrimination.

They also partner with governments, civil society, and organizations to find ways to prevent this violence. And focus on early education, respectful relationships, and working with men and boys without being scared or insecure.



As part of UN Women's comprehensive approach, they also work with partners to improve the data collection and analysis to provide a better understanding of why people act this way and the consequences of violence against women and girls. This helps UN Women and their partners understand what works and doesn't work with this type of violence. For more than 10 years, the UN Women's global initiative, Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces, has worked to prevent and respond to sexual harassment against women and girls in public spaces.

B. External Actions

Equality Now: A Just World for Women and Girls is a feminist organization that promotes the human rights of women and girls around the world. Since 1992, their lawyers, activists, and supporters held government so they can end sexual exploitation and sexual assault.



Equality now believes legal equality is the first step to having a gender equality community, so that's why they use the law to end discrimination and build a world for women and girls.

They have four change pathways:

- **Legal:** They facilitate legal changes that make it easier to prevent violence and discrimination against women and girls in Central America and the world.
- **Advocacy:** They defend women and advocate for more laws that are not sexist, but respect and promote the rights of women and girls.
- **Collaborating:** They work in partnership with other organizations that think and act like Equality Now do, also with activists leaders, and business to increase their global impact.
- **Resourcing:** They engage the global community in the mobilization of the necessary resources to stand up for those systems that create inequality for women and girls.



Also, in recent years, grassroots organizations and a lot of international human rights groups, have focused on the issue of sexual violence in Central America, due to the extremely high rates that have been known internationally, although the process has been slow, there have been some positive developments in recent years, for example, wealthy mothers government has established specialized courts dealing with these kinds of issues and have increased funding to help victims and support them.

Additionally, there is a movement called the “White Ribbon Campaign” that is men and boys fighting for gender equality and healthy relationships and mostly to end gender violence and support all kinds of people suffering sexual assault to other types of violence. This campaign is known internationally, but it has not been able to reach underdeveloped countries.



These movements are just another step to get to where we want to be. However, it has not been as successful as they had hoped, especially in Central America and in communities that do not have the resources to be able to see the outside world even on the Internet. All they know is what they learned.

VI. Conclusion

The movements must come up with effective solutions instead of just settling with a very small percentage of victims being helped by people in Central America and underdeveloped countries near East education, it will be hard to educate every single community, but it can be done.

Considering the resource constraints in these countries, the strategies implemented need to be strategic and impactful. The cultural norms deeply ingrained in early childhood can act as barriers, perpetuating silence around crucial issues. Consequently, the solutions devised must be culturally sensitive and tailored to break through these ingrained beliefs, fostering an environment where individuals feel empowered to speak up.



As we know these underdeveloped countries do not have a lot of resources so if what they have been taught since they were little according to the culture they are going to be silenced, it is crucial that you come up with very good solutions so that every single girl boy man, and woman can't feel safe in their communities or that they at least know that if something happens to them there is a solution and that they have some support.

VII. Committee Focus

When considering the possible solutions to the committee's topic, the following points must be considered:

- How would your delegation encourage victims to report and stand up for themselves?
- What kind of mental health help would you give the victims, and how would your delegation finance it?
- How would your delegation be able to tell how many victims are in every single community?

- How would your delegation educate people in underdeveloped countries, about this matter?
- How would your delegation ensure the privacy and confidentiality of victims during data collection?



VII. Participation List

- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Belize
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Costa Rica
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Republic of El Salvador
- French Republic
- Republic of Guatemala
- Republic of Honduras
- Republic of India
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Iraq
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Republic of Nicaragua
- Republic of Panama
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- State of Qatar
- Russian Federation
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Syrian Arab Republic
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



- United Mexican States
- United States of America
- Bolivian Republic of Venezuela

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