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Agenda item 25
Advancement of women

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[without reference to a Main Committee (A/78/L.69)]

78/288. Twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution [54/134](#) of 17 December 1999, by which it designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women,

Reaffirming the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹ and other relevant international human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,²

Reaffirming also the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action³ as well as the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,⁴ the Cairo Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development⁵ and the outcomes of their review conferences,

Reaffirming further the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, adopted on 20 December 1993,⁶ and its provisions, including article 1, in which violence against women was defined as any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty,

¹ Resolution [217 A \(III\)](#).

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

³ [A/CONF.157/24 \(Part I\)](#), chap. III.

⁴ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

⁵ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶ Resolution [48/104](#).



whether occurring in public or in private life, and noting the economic and social harm caused by such violence,

Reaffirming the obligation of all States to promote and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and recognizing that violence against women and girls is a major impediment to the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and that it violates and impairs or nullifies the full enjoyment of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing the efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and the high number of activities undertaken by the United Nations bodies, entities, funds and programmes and the specialized agencies,

Welcoming the commitment to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls contained in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development,⁷ and stressing that preventing and eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres is essential to achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls and to promoting women's full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership in all spheres of society, including in economic and political life,

Strongly condemning all forms of violence against women and girls, many of which are rooted in historical and structural inequalities and unequal power relations, and recognizing that, while progress has been made, violence against women remains pervasive and is enabled through discriminatory norms that reinforce stereotypes and gender inequality and the corresponding impunity and lack of accountability,

Expressing concern that current global challenges may exacerbate violence against women and girls and therefore threaten to reverse much of the development progress made in recent decades and pose a challenge to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and concerned about the challenges of new and emerging forms of violence against women and girls that occur through or are amplified by the use of technologies and in digital contexts, especially against women in public and political life,

Recognizing that the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was established in the light of the killing of the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic,

1. *Welcomes* the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, to be observed on 25 November 2024;
2. *Acknowledges* the progress made towards the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls and the remaining challenges that need to be addressed at all levels;
3. *Recognizes* the importance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women for raising awareness, educating and engaging communities, advocacy and mobilization of decision makers, policymakers and the whole of society to step up efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls;
4. *Invites* all Member States, the United Nations system and other global, regional and subregional organizations, as well as other relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academia and individuals, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women in order to increase awareness on the prevention of all forms of

⁷ Resolution 70/1.

violence against women and girls and achieve gender equality and a culture of peace, non-violent behaviour and respectful relationships;

5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to convene a full-day high-level meeting, within existing resources, to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, with a focus on highlighting achievements, sharing best practices and identifying gaps and challenges to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, and to galvanize accelerated efforts on the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls in line with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action as the thirtieth anniversary of their adoption approaches in 2025.

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