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The Human Rights Council,

Recalling all previous resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Human Rights on the subject,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations concerning the strict observance of the principles of reproductive health, sexual equality, the self-determination of peoples and nations and lawless actions concerning women and domestic violence,

Reaffirming also the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women concerning the safe environment,

Alarmed and concerned about the threat posed by the illegal physical activities of sexual domestic violence in developing countries in various parts of the world, in particular in areas of famine, poverty and gender inequality,

Underlining the necessity of examining the wide range of impact of unilateral coercive measures on international humanitarian and human rights law, as well as on the peace, security and social fabric,

1. *Suggests* encouraging every state to adopt the strategy which empowers all the women the access to the childbirth services;
2. *Calls for* close integrated and inclusive cooperation in providing legal aid to victims of gender-based violence;
3. *Calls for* more active and effective persecution of forced circumcision and female genital mutilation in case of being accomplished in unsanitary conditions, without medical equipment and by non-professionals;
4. *Requests* to provide obligatory Human rights educational courses in schools and universities;
5. *Recommends* to raise awareness on gender-based violence;
6. *Encourages* involving men and boys in gender-based violence awareness campaigns;

7. *Strongly encourages* to provide health care, counseling and safe spaces to victims of sexual violence and strengthen national laws against sexual violence and the exploitation of women;

8. *Invites* all States to provide quality services that consider women's needs, change the outmoded bureaucratic practices by recognizing the important role and experience of civil society organizations, especially women's NGOs, engaging them as equal partners.