

## American Model United Nations

## **General Assembly Third Committee**

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of

violence against women

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly Third Committee

The General Assembly Third Committee,

Recognizing that violence against women is rooted in historically unequal power relations between men and women and that all forms of violence against women seriously violate and impair or nullify the enjoyment by women of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as articulated in adopted resolution 61/143 on 11 October 2006, entitled The Intensification of Efforts to Eliminate All Forms of Violence Against Women, as passed through the Third Committee and the General Assembly,

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*Bearing in mind* the importance of upholding state sovereignty through culturally mindful practices that differ internationally,

Noting with appreciation the impact of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as the MenEngage Symposium that have a strong history of effectively working with the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW),

Taking into consideration that the United Nations Committee on the Convention to Eliminate all Forms of Discrimination Against Women has already denounced the systematic practice of violence against women, where international laws already exist to deter these practices,

1. *Calls upon* NGOs that currently work with the United Nations to actively create grassroots movements to promote the health and safety of women, whilst being cognizant of cultural and religious practices that exist largely in rural areas;

 2. *Encourages* the strengthening of national health and social infrastructure in order to reinforce measures currently in place to promote woman's equal access to public health and address the physical, emotional, and psychological health of consequences of violence against women through the UN Division of the Advancement of Women and the World Health Organization;

3. *Recommends* the focus of media campaigns such as the "It's Not Okay" and "Aware" campaigns in partnership with NGOs extend across states plagued with violence against women;

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4. *Welcomes* state governments and NGOs to help coordinate community driven
38 efforts with community leaders to eradicate violence against women through currently
39 existing international law.

Passed, Yes: 55 / No: 26 / Abstain: 26

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