



*American Model United Nations*  
**Economic and Social Council**

ECOSOC/II/1

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls

SUBMITTED TO: The Economic and Social Council

*The Economic and Social Council,*

1 *Acknowledging* the term femicide as a definition for the murder of women as a result of their gender,

2 *Noting with concern* the various reports of United Nations commissions and other bodies the high rates of  
3 femicide,

4 *Recognizing* the need and desire for respecting cultural boundaries and customs,

5 *Aware of* the previous efforts by the United Nations and its Member States to reduce rates of violence  
6 against women including femicide worldwide,

7 *Recognizing that* violence against women, including femicide, manifests itself as a result of various social,  
8 physical, psychological and economic factors, thus requiring a comprehensive approach to address this issue,

9 *Cognizant of* the need to ensure that United Nations Member States are compliant with United Nations  
10 sponsored programs,

11 *Understanding that* womanhood may be defined by an internal gender identity as female rather than a solely  
12 biological definition of gender,

13 *Approving* the current definition of Femicide as discussed by the World Health Organization as intimate  
14 femicide, murders in the name of 'honour', dowry-related femicide, non-intimate femicide and infanticide,

15 1. *Urges* the body to adopt a singular and comprehensive understanding of femicide as a result of violence  
16 against women that manifests itself in the following manners:

17 (a) Social discrimination as a result of identity factors such as race, religion or age and including  
18 targeted acts of malice and economic discrimination of women;

19 (b) Emotional or psychological violence in the forms of any actions that negatively affect the mental  
20 health and well-being of a woman;

21 (c) Physical violence against women in both sexual and non-sexual manners including human and  
22 sexual trafficking and abuse;

23 (d) Any of the aforementioned actions intentionally or unintentionally resulting in the death of  
24 women because of her gender;

25 2. *Extends* the implementation of the Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon's UNiTE to End Violence Against  
26 Women campaign by creating a new educational curriculum for the purpose of educating children in schools and  
27 community members by a training program to be lead by the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), United  
28 Nations Office on Human Rights (UNOHR) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) who will  
29 further the agenda to eliminate femicide by:

30 (a) Expressing the effects and definitions of what femicide is;

31 (b) Distributing the information gathered by the report commission described in subsequent clauses;

32 (c) Emphasizing the systematic and cultural causes of femicide and how to combat them;

33 (d) Educating the citizenry who perpetuate such acts of femicide and violence against women as  
34 to how their actions against women are detrimental and must be ceased and that particular actions can violate the  
35 Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

36 (e) Educating men about the perils and importance of addressing femicide and violence against  
37 women by encouraging them to serve as allies against forces that continue to persecute women;

38 3. *Requests* the creation of a Global Awareness Campaign to raise awareness of femicide and use this  
39 information as a means of combatting it to be implemented by the United Nations Department of Public information  
40 and United Nations Creative Community Outreach Initiative;

41 4. *Highlights* the necessity for the aforementioned marketing campaign about the statistics regarding gender  
42 related killings by:

43 (a) Encouraging the creation of an ad campaign sponsored by the United Nations Creative Com-  
44 mission Outreach Initiative handled by the Department of Public Outreach in cooperation with local civic leaders in  
45 Member States;

46 (b) The use of visual images combined with statistics and the slogan be "Femicide is a crisis, not a  
47 coincidence." in order to raise global awareness of gender-related killings;

48 5. *Further recommends* various subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to aid with  
49 the implementation of infrastructure and development regarding the specialized issues of education and healthcare  
50 for women in support against preventing femicide to be addressed in the following manners as a function of the  
51 United Nations maintains the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality including:

52 (a) The implementation of the aforementioned education curriculum in primary and secondary schools  
53 located in regions heavily affected by the issue of femicide;

54 (i) Suggests that the subsidiary bodies of ECOSOC should ensure adequate research into the security  
55 of these schools when they are being placed into areas of conflict;

56 (b) The construction and mass dissemination of a regionally based telecommunications platform  
57 that allows women to access information regarding femicide and how to act as an ally in further prevention of the  
58 crime;

59 6. *Requests* a tri-annual report in conjunction with the Commission of Status Women and the United Nations  
60 Office on Drugs and Crime, and the United Nations Office on Human Rights to create a comprehensive record of  
61 femicide to be called the United Nations Femicide Monitoring System to:

62 (a) Learn about regional trends of femicide women to inform future policy in areas most heavily  
63 affected by these crimes by integrating the pre-existing database from the UNODC in combination with the resources  
64 CSW and UNOHR;

65 7. *Encourages* transparency from government bodies through increased monitoring of committed femicide  
66 in the aforementioned report;

67 8. *Further recommends* annual checks of data to ensure transparency after the consent of a State and to  
68 provide more accurate numerical estimates of femicide;

69 9. *Requests* funding from the Secretariat for the further development of the agenda and intentions of the  
70 Economic and Social Council;

71 10. *Suggests* the United Nations Economic and Social Council facilitate a dialogue to express the importance  
72 of femicide and its relevance within the international community;

73 11. *Upholds* national sovereignty of all Member States.

Passed, Yes: 24 / No: 1 / Abstain: 6