



*American Model United Nations*  
**Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal  
Justice**

CCPCJ/II/3

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

SUBMITTED TO: The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

*The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,*

1 *Reaffirming* that domestic violence is a significant aggravating factor for femicide internationally, and that  
2 many regions deal with other severe forms of gender-based violence,

3 *Alarmed by* the suffering that is common among female victims of domestic violence, and other forms of  
4 gender-based violence surrounding the crime,

5 *Believing* that this culture of shame perpetuates femicide,

6 *Disturbed by* the apparent apathy many populations have to clear signs of violence,

7 *Emphasizing* that the reporting of crime and violence is limited or non-existent in some cases and the number  
8 of victims is much higher than reported,

9 *Commending* the effort of the 2019 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Global Study  
10 on Homicide to share national criminal justice responses, legal changes, and multi-agency efforts among individual  
11 Member States to demonstrate the recent progress in combating gender-related killings of women,

12 *Disappointed* with the language used in E/2010/NGO/53 which reflected a condescending tone towards  
13 certain Member States when addressing sex and gender-based violence, rather than fostering language of cooperation,

14 *Noting* the work of United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN  
15 Women) in the trainings of police and law prosecutors in Guatemala to provide justice to victims of femicide and  
16 gendered violence,

17 *Acknowledging* the wide latitude of social and cultural practices among Member States and their influence  
18 on the judiciary,

19 *Considering* the need to establish a middle ground between cultural sensitivity and protections for vulnerable  
20 populations from harmful social and cultural practices,

21 *Emphasizing* the importance of concentrating on how gender-related killings of women target minority groups,  
22 including but not limited to: indigenous first peoples, refugees, foreign nationals, and persons with disabilities,

23 *Disappointed with* the lack of appropriate government action in rural areas,

24 *Affirming* the importance of short-term solutions for vulnerable areas, conflict zones, and regions dealing  
25 with high numbers of migrants,

26 *Further noting* the need of Non-Governmental Organizations and nonprofit organizations in areas where  
27 government action is limited and frequently neglected,

28 *Recognizing* the need for the education on femicide for law enforcement and public officials,

29 *Concerned by* inadequacies in prosecution and investigation into sex and gender based violence,

30 *Aware of* the lack of accurate statistics into sex and gender based violence due to stigma of reporting or  
31 other circumstances,

32 *Further Recognizing* the positive effect of the Latin American Protocol on the Investigation of Gender-Related  
33 Killings of Women, and the benchmarks and practices established therein,

34 1. *Requests* the designation of a specialized group of individuals working within the Commission on Crime  
35 Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), in coordination with the UNODC and the UN Women Evaluation Com-

36 mittee, to review criminal codes and judicial processes in individual Member States with respect to state sovereignty,  
37 providing recommendations for changes that are consistent with the goals of the Commission:

38 (a) Such recommendations shall be tailored to individual member states in a manner that respectfully  
39 considers cultural practices and belief systems, and all recommendations provided will be non-mandatory and non-  
40 binding;

41 (b) The informal committee will work in coordination with the UNODC and willing member states  
42 for funding and collaborative review;

43 (c) This designation of efforts will cooperate with regional and local NGOs and nonprofit organiza-  
44 tions to the protect the rights of especially neglected and vulnerable populations;

45 2. *Suggests* that all Member States adopt the Latin American Protocol on the Investigation of Gender-  
46 Related Killings of Women as a minimum standard of investigation:

47 (a) This minimum standard need not be implemented immediately, but a gradual approach may be  
48 taken;

49 3. *Suggests* an increase in communication and information sharing among regions of the world, specifically  
50 in regards to the training of members of the judiciary, law enforcement, and public officials:

51 (a) The pooling of resources, trainings, practices, ideas, etc. will allow those states with a lack of  
52 resources to implement policies that skip the developmental stage of policymaking, sometimes one of the most costly  
53 and time-consuming steps;

54 (b) Such training and facilitation of method sharing should be conducted by the International  
55 Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) and UNODC to improve police responses to sex and gender-based  
56 violence;

57 (c) A clearer line of communication would allow regions with specific issues to more deliberately  
58 address those challenges;

59 4. *Advocates* for the classification of femicide as a separate crime from homicide:

60 (a) Such classification will consider aggravating factors for femicide, including but not limited to: do-  
61 mestic violence, lack of empowerment opportunities for women, civil and/or international conflict, human trafficking,  
62 and economic insecurity.

Passed by consensus, with 1 abstentions