



World Society of Victimology

In Consultative Status with the
United Nations ECOSOC and Council of Europe
The Office of the Secretary General

UNODC's Initiative on the Issue of "Gender Related Killings Of Women and Girls"

Recalling that the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power¹ and the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women² and other international law applicable to gender-related violence.

Conscious of the General Assembly's Resolution on Gender related killings of women and girls³.

Cognizant that femicide is a form of gender-related killing which is increasing significantly all over the world.

Recognizing that femicide includes intimate partner violence, female infanticide, female feticide, honor killing, dowry murder, multicial killing of females, intra-familial killing of females, killing of women because of witchcraft, and the systematic killing of females during armed conflicts⁴.

Acknowledging women's and girls' vulnerabilities should be a paramount concern.

Recognizing that the victims of gender-related violence suffer unjustly and that they may, in addition, endure secondary victimization inflicted by those they expect to help them.

Recognizing the impact of femicide on victims' families and other close acquaintances.

Recalling the obligation on Member-states to promote community efforts and public participation in crime prevention, especially by identification and empowerment of vulnerable females.

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The World Society of Victimology encourages the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and Member-states:

To reiterate their commitment to violence against females and to take concerted action to make that happen.

To sponsor collaborative action-research on ways in which femicide can be reduced and those who survive such violence be aided, and to promote information exchanges on the most effective means of so doing;

To render aid to help curtail victimization and alleviate the plight of these victims;

To develop ways and means of providing effective and efficient medical, psychological, social and practical assistance where and when such is needed by those affected by gender-related violence in general and femicide in particular;

To provide immediate and long-term support, including reparations, for family survivors of femicide.

To adopt laws and policies targeting the crime of femicide; designing and implementing programs aimed at preventing femicide from the pre-victim and post-victim perspective.

To create gender-sensitive law enforcement and justice institutions to deal only with femicide cases.

Further the World Society of Victimology urges:

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), UN Women and other entities of the United Nations to develop and adapt measures and strategies to prevent and respond to femicide; and,

To agree to report periodically on the implementation of initiatives, programmes and other measures employed to reduce femicide and prevent secondary victimisation.

¹ General Assembly, A/RES/40/34, 29 November 1985.

¹ General Assembly resolution 48/104.

¹ General Assembly resolution A/C.3/68/L.8, 1 October 2013.

¹ Report of the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women: Causes and Consequences (A/HRC20/16, 23 May 2012).

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