

Establishing a coordinated database on violence against women



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GA Resolution 61/143 Mandate

- “to establish a coordinated database, containing data provided by States, in particular national statistical offices, including, where appropriate, through relevant United Nations entities and other relevant regional intergovernmental organizations, disaggregated by sex, age and other relevant information, on the extent, nature and consequences of all forms of violence against women, and on the impact and effectiveness of policies and programmes for, including best practices in, combating such violence”

Objectives

- ▣ To ensure easy access on a searchable database/portal to comprehensive, available and up-to-date information on all forms of violence against women in all parts of the world, as well as actions taken to address such violence;
- ▣ To encourage further collection, availability, use and dissemination of data on violence against women, as well as analysis of such data;

Objectives (cont.)

- ❑ To increase opportunities for exchange of experiences and promising practices in addressing violence against women;
- ❑ To improve tracking of trends in addressing violence against women;
- ❑ To strengthen the knowledge base for effective policy responses to prevent and address violence against women; and
- ❑ To ensure sustainability and maintenance of the database

Content of the Database

- ❑ International legal and policy framework
- ❑ Laws and legislative provisions on violence against women
- ❑ National Action Plans/Strategies addressing violence against women
- ❑ Data/statistics
- ❑ Institutional mechanisms
- ❑ Jurisprudence
- ❑ Promising practices

Sources of Information

- Available information
 - States parties' reports to human rights treaty bodies (particularly CEDAW)
 - Information provided by Member States in follow-up to the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the 23rd special session of the GA, and in inputs to reports of the Secretary-General to the GA and CSW
 - Statements made by Member States during the general debate of the GA and CSW
 - UN agency/entity information
 - Information provided by Member States to regional inter-governmental bodies
- Future sources of information
 - Member States responses to questionnaire
 - Network of country focal points
 - UN entities

Next Steps

- ❑ Technical aspects
- ❑ Consult with UN system, especially the Task Force of the Inter-Agency Network on Women and Gender Equality
- ❑ Develop questionnaire for Member States
- ❑ Develop timeline for establishing and maintaining the database