FORUM: Advisory Panel
QUESTION OF: Measures to Reduce Sexual Violence and Alleviate its Effects in Ethiopia
SUBMITTED BY: Advisor of Belgium, Japan, United Kingdom, United States of America, France, Chile, Russia, Syria, China

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ADVISORY PANEL,

*Acknowledging* the widespread nature of sexual assault in Ethiopia and its negative impact on women and children, as well as its significance as a violation of human rights,

*Aware of the alarming statistic* that 35 percent of women in Ethiopia, aged 15–49, have experienced various types of sexual violations,

*Acknowledging* the humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia, with over 20 million people in need of aid and various crimes such as rape and genocide occurring,

*Expressing deep concern* about the impact of the Ethiopian Civil War, including education shortages and the exponential increase in sexual violence,

*Expressing concern* about the high incidence of sexual violence in Ethiopia due to societal views and justifications of such behavior,

*Highlighting* sexual violation as the use of power to exert control over another person through unacceptable sexual activities,

*Profoundly concerned* with the long-term consequences of sexual assault, including physical and mental distress for sexual violence victims,

*Noting with approval* the challenges in applying the Ethiopian constitution and addressing crime effectively,

*Deeply concerned* about the Ethiopian government's blocking of aid and health services to victims of sexual violence,

*Noting* the importance of enhancing Ethiopia's healthcare system to address the negative health effects of sexual assault a nd the need for educational initiatives to increase public awareness,

*Recalling* international efforts, including meetings at the U.N. and initiatives by organizations like Women for Women International and The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), to address and reduce sexual violence globally,

1. Calls upon the Ethiopian government to act quickly and decisively to address the problem of sexual assault in the nation in such as but not limited to:
	1. Providing medical facilities with qualified employees to offer survivors both physical and psychological support in such ways including but not limited to:
		1. hiring psychologists, therapists, and other medical professionals who majored in psychiatry or psychology in college or completed a related industry certification skilled in trauma care,
		2. creating a comprehensive range of services including reproductive health services, legal aid, mental health support, and medical examinations,
	2. Establishing programs for sex education and awareness in communities to  provide people with the information they need to protect themselves in such ways including but not limited to:
		1. cooperating with non-governmental organizations to facilitate the awareness campaign with a focus on sexual violence,
		2. holding online campaigns and advertisement on social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, or WeChat in means such as posters, photo, and videos,
		3. hiring sex educators of non profit organizations such as Planned Parenthood that can cover topics that are related to sexually transmitted infections, healthy relationships, and consent,
	3. Providing financial and informational assistance to implement Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) to provide the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values necessary to realize their sexual and reproductive health, well-being, and rights, by:
		1. donating money through charitable organizations such as United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) or the Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS),
		2. asking schools to assist the campaign by posting poster in school, sharing information in school assembly, or holding events in-line with the spirit of the campaign to increase the awareness between teenagers;
2. Urges the house on the international community to give Ethiopia financial and technical support so that it may build and run healthcare facilities, educational initiatives, and awareness campaigns in such ways but not limited to:
	1. Encouraging to offer financial aid to subsidize Ethiopia in ways such as but not limited to:
		1. requesting MEDC nations to provide funds and resources for the building and to maintain medical services, educational initiatives, and public awareness campaigns in Ethiopia,
		2. drawing attention to international organizations such as Amref Health Africa, Main Line Health (MLH), and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) to donate money to reduce the financial burden of people’s use of the health care system by supporting medical insurance to Ethiopians,
3. Providing support to enhance the quality of medical system of Ethiopia in ways such as but not limited to:
4. promoting training workshops and opportunities for skill development,
5. emphasizingthe significance of foreign experts and organizations exchanging technical knowledge with their Ethiopian counterparts in healthcare, education, and awareness initiatives,
6. providing superior medical equipment to enhance the quality of the medical system and health care,
7. Monitoring and reporting the government of Ethiopia for clear and effective use of financial and technical support in such ways but not limited to:
8. advocating for the creation of a specific monitoring mechanism to oversee the appropriate use of funds given for fighting sexual violence in Ethiopia supervised by the UN,
9. requiring the Ethiopian government to give annual report card during the meeting with different nations that fully shows were the funds and technical supports were used;

1. Encourages member nations to take part in international collaborations that focus on addressing the fundamental causes of sexual violence, such as inequality in access to education, political instability, and economic disparities in such ways but not limited to:
	1. Relieving economic disparities between nations in such ways but not limited to:
		1. supporting targeted poverty alleviation programs that prioritize vulnerable populations and communities most affected by poverty which address the root causes of economic inequality,
		2. investing in women's economic empowerment by implementing initiatives that provide women with equal opportunities for employment, entrepreneurship, and leadership roles by creating mentorship programs, promoting fair workplace practices, and advocating for policies that support gender equality in the workforce,
	2. Providing comprehensive educational programs, including:
		1. promoting of women’s education through targeted initiatives that address barriers preventing girls from accessing education by addressing cultural norms and providing scholarships,
		2. capacity-building for educators to enhance the quality of education and create an inclusive learning environment,
	3. Stailizing the political situation in Ethiopia in such ways but not limited to:
	4. assisting to solve conflicts by actively engaging in diplomatic initiatives to mediate and resolve conflicts by supporting peacekeeping missions, facilitating dialogue between conflicting parties, and encouraging peaceful resolutions to disputes,
	5. encouraging anti-corruption and good governance initiatives by collaborating with Ethiopian authorities to strengthen anti-corruption measures and promote transparent governance by providing technical assistance, sharing best practices, and supporting initiatives that enhance accountability and integrity within government institutions;
2. Emphasizes the need to raise awareness and enhance understanding of the world population about situation of sexual violations in Ethiopia in such ways but not limited to:
	1. Encouraging reliable local journalists around the nation to actively report on and publish concerns about sexual violations in Ethiopia,
		1. local Media Association,
		2. AFCP/IFPA,
		3. Poynter Institute,
	2. Calling upon nations to engage in this issue to encourage greater numbers of journalists to report on the issue of sexual violations through:
	3. Employing mass media to effectively publicize the negative effects on citizens caused by severe levels of sexual violation in ways such as:
		1. newspapers,
		2. television broadcasting,
		3. radio broadcasting,
		4. public service advertisement,
		5. online news articles;
3. Requests institutions and systems to be in place to ensure that victims of sexual violence are housed in sperate spaces in ways such as, but not limited to:
4. Forming facilities for protection that provide systematic care and attention to victims of sexual violence and have specific welfare provisions, in ways such as, but not limited to:
	* 1. creating their own specialized care methods and tretments for physical and mental recovery of sexual violence victims,
		2. paying for all costs incurred for sexual assault investigations, medical cares, and actively supporting any activities the victim require,
5. Blocking sexual violence suspects from accessing victims of sexual violence in ways but not limited to:
	* 1. regulating an isolation period of at least one month after

separating the victim from the suspect as soon as a sexual

violence investigation is initiated,

* + 1. making all of the victim’s identifying information private so

that the suspect will not be able to know the residence of the

victim,

* + 1. ensuring that the police station or courtroom where the suspect

is being investigated and interrogation begins is at least 300

kilometers from the location where the victim resides;

1. Endorses maintaining a close working relationship with relevant departments or agencies to ensure that victims can easily access the services and process when needed in ways such as, but not limited to:
	1. Supporting victims can take medical services through quick and efficient procedures in such ways but not limted to:
		1. forming a private process for victims to get immediate pregnancy and STD (Sexually transmitted diseases) testing and treatment, ensuring utmost confidentiality and sensitivity,
		2. developing protocols for medical professionals to conduct thorough examinations and documentation that takes into account the potential legal implications which nsures that victims' medical needs are met, and crucial evidence is collected in a manner that respects their dignity and rights,

iii. creating a system which costly care or treatment, such as STD treatment, gynecological care, or HIV treatment that is paid for by the relevant organizations or agencies rather than victims,

* 1. Establishing an environment where victims are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the police investigation and trial processes in ways such as:
		1. establishing easily accessible 24-hour hotlines or organizations that provide counseling, referrals, and information for free of charge that enables victims to request support during legal proceedings,
		2. designing programs that facilitate the connection of victims to frontline professionals or attorneys who specialize in sexual assault cases that ensures that survivors receive expert guidance and support throughout the legal processes, empowering them to actively engage in seeking justice,
		3. implementing educational initiatives to inform victims about their rights, the legal processes they may encounter, and the available support mechanisms;

8. Further request for the adoption of international institutions and policies to further strengthen the process for those accused of sexual violence in such ways but not limited to:

a. Urging countries to provide legal education on sexual violence for a period of time after the suspect’s sentence has expired in such ways but not limited to:

1. ordering the suspect to complete a sexual assault education program of at least 50 hours after release,
2. requiring a court or related agency to list a sexual violence conviction on a suspect’s identification information after the suspect is released,

b. Declaring that the suspect’s identification and charges will be publicly disclosed in such ways but not limited to:

* 1. Ordering a suspect who has committed sexual assault against a juvenile to be prohibited from working that related to children for at least 10 years;

9. Solemnly affirms that women and girls who the minority group of sexual violence in way such as, not limited to:

1. Promoting Women's Empowerment Programs:
	* 1. planning a budget of the government that invests money which can support the management of the program periodically in programs that empower women economically, socially, and politically to address the root causes of gender-based violence,
		2. supporting initiatives that focus on education, skill development, and leadership opportunities for women and girls,
2. Creating safe spaces for women and girls in order to keep them safe such as, not limited to:
	* 1. establishing safe spaces, including women's shelters and community centers, where women and girls can seek refuge, support, and resources,
		2. collaborating with women's organizations and NGOs to provide mentorship programs and networks for survivors,
		3. creating a website that is completely anonymous so that girls in their puberty can safely share their thoughts.