

the empowerment of women;

American Model United Nations

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION:	Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean
SUBMITTED TO:	The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean,	
Guided by the principles set forth in the United Nations Charter,	
Acknowledging the United Nations definition of violence against women as meaning, "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life," as stated in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 48/104,	
<i>Noting</i> Article Two of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the purpose of the declaration to identify a basic life of dignity and worth of a human,	
Expressing concern towards the negative impacts of gender-based violence on the political and economic participation of women,	
Acknowledging the numerous manners in which women and girls in Latin America and the Caribbean experience sexual violence,	
<i>Recognizing</i> that the empowerment of women is essential to achieve further economic growth,	
<i>Emphasizing</i> United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security as a way to protect women and girls from gender-based violence in armed conflict and increase the representation of women in decision-making roles for the prevention and management of conflict,	
Recalling Millennial Development Goal Three that promotes gender equality and empowerment of women,	
Respecting the right and sovereignty to maintain their cultural identity,	
1. Encourages Member States to implement legislation that stresses and supports	

2. *Encourages* States to pursue diverse individual and regional solutions that will best secure equal economic opportunities and political participation for women in said State;

a Life without Violence against Women (REDFEM), which provides a safe network for women who have experienced violence as well as support in addressing the physiological impact of violence;

4. *Suggests* the creation of a permanent regional public service committee that

3. Applauds the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Network for

- would focus on general plans and measures to ensure that women may enjoy equal rights and opportunities as men such as stronger voices in political, social, economic and cultural development;
- 5. Asks the Latin American and Caribbean region to continue to advance the established mission of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325;
- 6. Reminds States of the importance women have in securing economic growth in women's participation that contributes to the stabilization of societies;
- 7. *Suggests* Member States and regional organizations create a series of international toll free Hotline through United Nations Women that would protect the identity of the women and girls;
 - 8. Encourage Member States to further develop abuse prevention structures;
- 9. *Emphasizes* the implementation of State specific public media campaigns that raise societal awareness to the issue of violence against women within the private live of families and society as a whole;
- 10. Further Encourages the offering of programs that work with the perpetrators who commit acts of violence against women;
- 11. *Expresses* the importance of preventative education policies within communities to decrease forms of gendered violence;
- 12. *Invites* the creation of Police Training initiatives that will train male and female law enforcement officials to better understand and aid battered women with legal remedies.

Passed by consensus, with 5 abstentions