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Topic: Violence against Women

Sponsors: Zimbabwe

The General Assembly,

*Fully alarmed* at Zimbabwe's present state as a country struggling against wide-spread violence, famine, and a high mortality rate caused by the HIV/AIDS virus, as well other political and economic crises which have left the country torn apart,

*Deeply disturbed* by the awareness of the people scavenging in order to support themselves and their families with a source of food,

*Recalling* the agreement of 1998 in which Britain and other Western countries declared to support Zimbabwe in redistributing land to the once profitable Black farmers, a step that would have assisted in saving Zimbabwe from being forced to declare a state of emergency in 2003 due to drought and extreme limitations on food production,

*Noting* the effects of the food shortage on female and male relationships, the poor economy diminishing female roles and status, as well as the traditional practices in Zimbabwe which permit the physical disciplining of women by the man in the household,

*Viewing with appreciation* the efforts of the United Nations' Children's Fund (UNICEF) which has called upon Zimbabwe's political leaders to recognize and end the unacceptable violence towards women throughout the country,

*Stressing* the still growing rate of abuse of women in Zimbabwe, and the importance of recognizing women as important members of society in order to have a successful country and a healthy generation of children;

1. Draws the attention to the crisis state of Zimbabwe's economy as well as the restrictions on agriculture and the need for foreign countries to persevere in funding for land redistribution;
2. Stresses the need to provide women with shelters and other locations where they can receive care and freedom from the abuse which is too rampant across the country;
3. Trusts that humanitarian values will override cultural practices and permit the abuse of women to become socially unacceptable as well as punishable by law;

4. Calls for regional as well as national support of organizations such as the Musasa Project and The Zimbabwe Women's Resource Center and Network which have been dedicated in empowering women as well as stressing the absence of cruelty in society;

5. Emphasizes the need to provide women with means of education and employment in order to allow them independence and an escape from abusive relationships; and

6. Further requests national support to assist the state in acquiring resources necessary to fight national violence and the AIDS epidemic, as well as a push to criminalize marital rape and domestic abuse.