



**“UN WOMEN”**

**Topic:**

**CYBERBULLYING AND SEXTING, TECHNOLOGICAL THREATS FOR WOMEN**

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**Committee background:**

For many years, the United Nations have faced serious challenges to promote gender equality, in July of 2010 the General Assembly created UN Women, the Committee that is looking for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the creation of UN Women came about as part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources and mandates for greater impact.

**Background Information of The Topic:**

The media can play a significant role in either perpetuating or challenging social norms and behaviors that condone violence against women. New media can be a platform for the objectification of women and girls, from everyday hyper-sexualized, one-dimensional images of women and girls to overt violence.

Virtual spaces are sometimes used to perpetuate direct attacks on women and girls, ranging from cyber-stalking to the posting of inappropriate images of women. According to an expert report to the Commission on the Status of Women, women have increasingly reported incidents of footage of them engaged in sexual activity, including rapes being posted on Internet sites without their consent.

UN Women supports media monitoring studies of how women are depicted in the media. We engage media professionals by raising awareness of gender equality and violence against women, including through special workshops and toolkits, to encourage gender-sensitive reporting. We support women's advocates to develop communications and media skills so that they can effectively engage with journalists and actively raise awareness of violence and even expose perpetrators.

UN Women National Committees are independent non-governmental organizations that support the mission of UN Women through dynamic public membership, advocacy, and education programs on UN Women and global women's issues.

UN Women supports the UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programs, and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It works globally to make the vision of the Sustainable Development Goals a reality for women and girls and stands behind women's equal participation in all aspects of life, focusing on four strategic priorities:

- Women lead, participate in, and benefit equally from governance systems
- Women have income security, decent work, and economic autonomy
- All women and girls live a life free from all forms of violence
- Women and girls contribute to and have greater influence in building sustainable peace and resilience, and benefit equally from the prevention of natural disasters and conflicts and humanitarian action

Attacks are most common on Facebook, followed by Instagram and WhatsApp, according to the Plan International survey.

The charity, which focuses on equality for girls, surveyed 14,071 young women aged 15-25 across 22 countries, including Australia, Canada, Brazil, Benin, Japan, Zambia, and the US

The poll found that in Australia, 65% of 1,000 respondents had been exposed to a spectrum of cyberbullying violence, compared with the global figure of 58%. Half of those who had experienced harassment in Australia suffered mental and emotional distress as a result. One in five Australian girls and young women had feared for their physical safety due to online threats.

Cyberbullying includes **sending, posting, or sharing negative, harmful, false, or mean content about someone else.**

Sexting: this term is used to define the act of delivering or receiving sexually explicit content through a gadget.

Cyber-stalking: is the unauthorized act of surveillance or harassment that a person or group of people commit towards someone else.

Gender equality: The access of rights to everybody despite/ without being influenced by gender.

Perpetrators: Someone who acts in a harmful manner that can even be illegal.

Harassment: An aggressive behavior leading to intimidation.

Technological threats: This is the outcome of a failure in technology that may lead to harmful or dangerous consequences.

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