

**Forum:** United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

**Question of:** Securing Women’s Rights by Preventing the Abuse of Religion

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- 1 *The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women,*  
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3 *Affirming* awareness and educating people about the negative consequences of using religion to  
4 justify abuse against women,  
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6 *Declaring* stringent laws to be put into place to protect women from such abuse from religious  
7 norms,  
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9 *Fully aware of* the harm and long-lasting effects of the abuse of religion on victims such as trauma,  
10 loss of faith, depression and other mental illnesses that may also result in physical self-harm,  
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12 *Desiring* religious leaders to speak out against abuse and take steps to prevent it within their  
13 community,  
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15 *Acknowledging* that the suppression of women that is justified by religion has been built upon  
16 patriarchal foundations and has a complex history of sexism and discrimination,  
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18 *Emphasizing* that any kind of psychological or physical abuse and violence contradicts the  
19 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as the values of religions aiming for peace and  
20 compassion,  
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22 **1. Strengthens** legal framework by:  
23 a. criminalizing harmful practices,  
24 b. implementing effective enforcement mechanisms such as:  
25 i. establishing specialized courts that prompt investigation and prosecution of  
26 causes related to the abuse of religion against women;  
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28 **2. Promotes** education and awareness through:  
29 a. integrating gender equality and women’s rights into both school and religious  
30 curriculum as well as school policies to foster an understanding of equal rights and  
31 respect from an early age,

- 32                   b. sensitize religious leaders by:
- 33                    i. conducting workshops and training programs for religious leaders for them
- 34                    to promote gender equality and the important of respecting women’s rights
- 35                    within religious framework if needed,
- 36                   c. promoting equal education world-wide by supporting organization such as
- 37                    UNICEF that aim for equal education in every state,
- 38                   d. mandatory role model behavior of all civil servants,
- 39                   e. making school a place, which though it may educate all about different religions,
- 40                    neither promotes nor condemns any religion,
- 41                   f. preventing religions from denying girls to education;
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- 43   **3. Seeks** empowerment and support with:
- 44                   a. encouraging economic empowerment to:
- 45                    i. implement initiatives that provide skill development, entrepreneurship
- 46                    opportunities, and access to credit for women, enabling them to become
- 47                    financially independent and less vulnerable to discrimination and abuse
- 48                    emanated from religious institutions and communities,
- 49                   b. administrating support services to provide assistance and protection to women who
- 50                    face abuse or discrimination based on religious beliefs to overcome the long-lasting
- 51                    effects of the abuse in their mental health through:
- 52                    i. helplines,
- 53                    ii. vocational training,
- 54                    iii. counseling centers,
- 55                   c. developing a system to monitor and report incidents of religiously motivated
- 56                    violence against women;
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- 58   **4. Promotes** interfaith dialogue and collaboration by:
- 59                   a. collaborating with religious institutions to develop guidelines and codes of conduct
- 60                    that:
- 61                    i. organizes interfaith dialogues to promote understanding and respect
- 62                    between different religious communities and prevent religiously motivated
- 63                    violence against women,
- 64                    ii. ensures equal participation of women in religious rituals and leadership
- 65                    roles,
- 66                   b. engaging in international cooperation through:
- 67                    i. learning from other countries' experiences and adapting relevant strategies;
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- 69   **5. Calls upon** the creation of a Religious Abuse Survivor Support committee that oversees
- 70                    the monitoring of educational resources and aid:
- 71                    a. committee members will be selected by:

- 72 i. representatives selected by multiple member states within the UN Women  
73 committee,  
74 ii. women’s health professionals,  
75 b. implementing appropriate training measures for all members including background  
76 checks, briefings, and bi-weekly check ins and evaluations;  
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- 78 6. **Hopes** that all member states support the combat against the abuse of religion against  
79 women and take all possible measures to erase this issue contributing to:  
80 a. fulfilling the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals,  
81 b. protecting the pure and peaceful intents of religions,  
82 c. securing women’s rights;  
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- 84 7. **Calls for** a National Subforce Protection Plan that:  
85 a. protects women in communities, which also includes that women and girls can  
86 neither be forced to wear any type of religious covering nor be denied the right to  
87 wear religious coverings of any types,  
88 b. deploys a subforce in each country separate from their police force,  
89 i. only active if needed,  
90 c. encouraged every country to willingly deploy this to other countries in need of help;  
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- 92 8. **Requesting** funding from the following places:  
93 a. partnerships with women-empowerment NGOs & institutions,  
94 b. the UN trust fund to end violence against women,  
95 c. funds from the UN Women’s empowerment principles fund,  
96 d. suggests that all nations, especially those with a 450 billion \$ gross domestic  
97 product (GDP) and higher to participate in a fund to finance the changes & projects  
98 implemented in the resolution.  
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101 **Voting Results**  
102 In favour: 19  
103 Against: 12  
104 Abstentions: 8