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CSW: Topic #2 - Violence Against Women

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Another topic that CSW will address in committee is the harm that is caused by violence, both sexual and physical, against women. These types of violent activity harm millions of women annually on the international scale.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 1 in 3 women worldwide are subject to sexual violence in their lifetime, and ¼ of women have been subject to violence in their own relationships. This figure accounts for all countries and continents. “The prevalence estimates of lifetime intimate partner violence range from 20% in the Western Pacific, 22% in high-income countries and Europe, and 25% in the WHO Regions of the Americas to 33% in the WHO African region, 31% in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region, and 33% in the WHO South-East Asia region.”<sup>1</sup> No society is free from these deeply upsetting and problematic numbers.

Violence against women can affect both mental and physical health tremendously. 42% of women who have experienced violence from a partner have resulted in physical injury. Women who are violated sexually are 1.5 times more likely to contract a sexually transmitted disease. Mental health is also affected by violence, as studies have shown that violence leads to anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and an increase in attempted suicide.

Although the international community has begun to address this issue and take steps in the right direction, much work is still needed to resolve it. The following are some questions to help guide your research:

- How can CSW incentivize state governments and individuals to protect women from violence?
- How can CSW create a resolution that addresses all possible obstructions to the safety of women?
- Are there ways to combat the negative effects of violence against women?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>

- How can CSW work with other organizations, including but not limited to WHO and UNHRC, to combat this issue?

While these are some questions to guide your research and writing your papers, these questions shouldn't limit your findings. Please keep in mind that you are representing your country's view, not your own, and your research should be directed accordingly. Please also make sure to provide citations: you will submit all papers through Turnitin, and any form of plagiarism will not be tolerated.

I look forward to hearing all of your ideas. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [thalstuc@mail.yu.edu](mailto:thalstuc@mail.yu.edu).

Best of luck!

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