

San Salvador Declaration
of Latin American and Caribbean countries on eliminating violence
against women, the priority theme of the 57th session of the
Commission on the Status of Women

Declaration of National Women's Machineries in Latin America and the
Caribbean for the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
(CSW)

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We, the Ministers and High Level Authorities responsible for public policy in favor of the rights and empowerment of women in Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in the city of San Salvador on February 11th 2013, by the invitation of UN Women and the Government of El Salvador for a regional consultation prior to 57^o Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in order to facilitate a dialogue and a guide of recommendations in the "Agreed Conclusions", to identify the critical issues we face in the region for the elimination of violence against women and girls in all its dimensions;

Recalling, that the CSW plao Ci -23.48E.00-0.002--3(c)(3T)-11e23onsp1hatriforvig wn ane1(v)1(al)ua1(t)-7(i

international instruments of protection and prevention of violence and the role of the United Nations System, as appropriate, regional and subregional organizations, in strengthening these mechanisms;

As well,

Considering that the violence against women is an affront to human dignity and a violation of human rights;

We reaffirm, that violence against women in all stages of life is a phenomenon that persists in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean and, that the different forms and expressions of violence preclude their individual development, undermine their rights and freedoms, prevent full development of 0 Tw 8.5 r

other sexually transmitted diseases in the public health services and the free distribution of emergency contraception, especially in cases of sexual violence, in countries that allow it.

4. Access to justice within a framework of human rights

1. Ensure access to justice for women, ensuring personnel to care for victims and their cases at all stages of proceedings;
2. Ensure that security measures are expeditious and effective in all cases of domestic violence against women and monitor the implementation process to take corrective action and / or appropriate sanction;
3. Strengthen the training and specialization of the judiciary, police and law enforcement, in respect of addressing gender-based violence against women;
4. Encourage consolidation of international jurisprudence, and the standards in protection subject and best practices;
5. Promote the standardization of protocols, manuals, research ministerial criteria, expert services and provision of justice to properly investigate all crimes related to the disappearance, sexual violence and femicide of women/violent death of women associated with gender, according to international standards and with a view gender and rights approach.

5. Statistics, records and accountability

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