

"Violence against women: Good practices in
combating and eliminating violence against women"

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Annex – Excerpts from the 2003 Report of the Special Rapporteur on
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2154. In Sudan, the Badya Centre for Integrated Development Services puts on community plays on women's rights, performed by school children for communities in the Nuba Mountains region, with special attention to "honour killings." Additionally, workshops are held for local administrative religious and women leaders and teachers from which a network will be formed to facilitate sharing of experiences on combating violence against women.

Arab region

2155. In the Arab region, advocacy campaigns have been successfully organized to address gender-based violence. 0610 TD(m)Tj4092

gender bias in the courts for judicial organizations, bar associations, law schools, and legal and lay organizations across the country. Understanding Sexual Violence: The Judicial Response to Stranger and Non-stranger Rape and Sexual Assault, the NJEP's model curriculum on rape trials, was published in December

2170. The South-Eastern European Women's Legal Initiative (SEELINE) was initiated by B.a.B.e (Be Active, Be Emancipated), a group in Zagreb, Croatia, which works for the affirmation and implementation of women's human rights. Experience of monitoring Croatian laws, introducing changes in legal system and lobbying for desired gender-sensitive legislation made them recognize the need to work in the framework of a regional South-Eastern European network. To influence legislation on a regional level and make it more gender-sensitive, unified and balanced. SEELINE will provide an opportunity for women's advocates to meet and work together to exchange strategies that have worked in their respective countries, as well as start the work on unification and balance of legislative systems within the region. It is hoped that the work of the regional network will force Governments and parliaments to be more accountable and to incorporate gender mainstreaming and gender sensitive provisions within legal systems and in the national machinery of protection of women's rights.^{xx}

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ⁱ The V-Day College Campaign brings students and faculty members to colleges and universities around the world to raise awareness about violence against women and girls in the form of a "V-Day" event. The "V" in "V-Day" stands for victory over violence against women's Day and vagina. For more information see www.vday.org/college.

ⁱⁱ The Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 54/134 declaring November 25 the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.