Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV)

Item 3: ID with WG on Discrimination against women and girls

Discrimination and Violence against Women in France

Mr. President,

Discrimination and violence against women is a serious issue in France, with over a hundred women being killed by their partners annually (2012 - 2022[i]) and hundreds of thousands becoming victims of domestic violence[ii] . France has adopted a number of measures so far, including the ratification of "Istanbul Convention"; signing a decree in 2019 to implement new laws to fight violence against women, ratifying the ILO Violence and Harassment Convention and introducing France's 3rd National Action Plan[iii] including measures to reduce the discrimination and violence targeting women.

However, the efforts by France do not seem to have resulted in tangible results so far with, tens of thousands of protesters marching the streets across France to demand more government action to prevent violence against women, in Nov 2022 and with the 2022 statistics still proving the cases of violence and femicide to be high.

Mr. President,

We note the report of the WG on Discrimination against women and girls to HRC 53. At the same time, we call on the Working Group to offer France with recommendations to eliminate the long standing threats to women.

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[i] https://www.statista.com/statistics/758594/victims-marital-abuse-homicide-france/ (2012-2020); 2021: https://www.dw.com/en/france-vows-action-on-femicide-after-3-more-women-killed/a-60331745; 2022: https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=18fpgZAZ9htW2grC-FQTJl2v7wIxrVGVR&ll=17.776129023372675%2C-69.96790950000005&z=2

[ii] A 2017 nationwide study revealed that more than **220,000 women** suffer physical or sexual abuse by their partners each year: https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/11/20/thousands-march-in-france-over-violence-against-women

[iii] https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/french-foreign-policy/human-rights/women-s-rights/events-6401/article/france-s-3rd-national-action-plan-2021-2025