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STATEMENT BY COUNSELOR OF THE PRESIDENCY OF GOVERNMENT
ON THE ADVANMENT OF WOMEN
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Hon. Ms. Antonina Miko Mikue

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The Delegation of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea as the others before me, salutes the excellent manner in which Mrs. President is carrying out the work of this fifty-seven Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the same time that would like to thank UN Women for organizing this forum to express the whole world to find solutions to the problems of women and girls, specifically in regard to the fight against violence.

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With the conviction that violence against women and girls is a human rights violation and a public health problem, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women and girls, has ratified almost all international and regional legal instruments taking range of laws in Equatorial Guinea, has promoted the Secretary of State for the Status of Women to a Ministry, has developed the National Action Plan to Promote Multisectorial women and Gender Equity, the modification of national legal instruments for international harmonization with to combat this scourge plaguing the world in general and Equatorial Guinea in particular.

As is known to everyone, the topic of this forum is to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and following the political will of the President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, HE Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, about the repression and elimination of violence, the Government has created the Family Court and juvenile offenses to prosecute gender violence and everything concerning customary marriages among others.

There is an ongoing study and approval of the Protection Act of violence against women and girls, which includes the creation of shelters for victims, in fact the construction project several centers in different provinces is ongoing.

And as a strategy for preventing violence against women and girls, our country relies on education, training and development of the population in general, girls and boys in particular, as guarantors of the future of all actions that today we are doing.

Regarding violence against women constitutes as one of the most expressions that discriminate against women, for it, Equatorial Guinea has undertaken several actions among the most prominent:

- * The study on domestic violence in the context of the Demographic and Health Survey in Equatorial Guinea 2011, which did show that they are in large quantities the phenomenon of violence.

- * Study on the socioeconomic status of women in Equatorial Guinea.

In relation to Prevention, Equatorial Guinea through the Ministry of Education has launched an Education Program for Teachers of Primary and Secondary schools, about Human Rights in all aspects of family life.

This program is intended that the actions carried out in human rights are sustainable and durable.

It has initiated awareness raising activities in schools aimed at children on violence with editing shirts with expressions of violence: "Violence is insulting", "hitting is violence" among others.

It is carrying out regular sensitization workshop for heads of base communities, members of the three branches of government (legislative, executive and judicial), Security members focus on gender and violence against women.

Equatorial Guinea know that despite everything a lot still needs to be done, therefore, reaffirms its commitment to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls and endorses the resolutions adopted by this Assembly.

Thank you very much.