



Committee: UN WOMEN

Topic: Women's rights in the context of child custody and child maintenance

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UN Women is dedicated to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women, and works to create a place in which every woman can have their deserved human rights respected. Gender equality, besides being a substantial human right, is essential to achieve peaceful societies, with full human potential and sustainable development according to the UN. It also has the purpose of giving women equal opportunities to men. Gender inequalities are enormously set in every society. Some women cannot have access to fair jobs and face occupational segregation and gender wage gaps. Child maintenance is fundamental for single-parent families. Single-parent families are at particular risk of poverty and also child poverty, which can lead to social discrimination and can put their human dignity at risk. The division of care and responsibility for children, including financial stability, is usually determined by the family law of the State. Child maintenance regulations should be considered fundamental not only for family life in general and the well-being of the children involved, but also specifically for gender equality. Sex inequalities in child custody and child support are about an order of magnitude bigger than discussed sex inequalities in the labor force.

The Parliamentary Assembly is concerned that non-compliance of child maintenance payment obligations by the parents significantly affects resident mothers financially. Also inequalities that women face in the world of work. The Parliamentary Assembly has consistently taken into account the gender aspect of family life, as well as the need to encourage fathers to participate fully in it. The Assembly considers that all single-parent families and their children should have access to child maintenance, in order to be able to meet their minimum needs. The Stereotype of women is being the caretaker of children, women are expected to get on with the job of child caring, including making all the efforts. The burden of taking care of the kids falls squarely on women. There are few sectors where the courts are used more than for solving child support disputes. UN organization has said that users of the court system complain about inadequate and discriminatory laws, inefficient administration, distant and hostile judicial officers and impunity for non-compliance with court orders. And these kind of trouble remain most of the times unaddressed. There is not always

a concrete answer on who should be responsible for the children but for all that is know it at least needs to be a fair decision to make and also equally.

In UNIFEM(United Nations Development Fund for Women)There is already state investment in the resolution of issues of primarily financial support to the care of children. As UNICEF has stated this investment is noticeable in justice processes including legal aid programmes as well as in public assistance programmes.The state sought to devolve responsibility for the care of families squarely onto an area in social life where individuals can come together to freely discuss about the child custody and maintenance.

We invite your delegations to find viable solutions for this certain topic and also conclude that by joining our opinions and points of view in a correctly expressed and civilized way, we may possibly find the best one that are suiting for all.

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