



WOMEN

g violent riots on women's movements.

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Committee Background

UN Women is the UN's entity made to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women. The United Nations Organization has been battling for decades for gender equality. UN Women was established to discuss women's needs worldwide. It works all around the world to make participation for women and young girls possible in all aspects of life. United Nations created UN Women on July 20, 2010. Even though gender equality is a human right, discrimination of women only for reasons of their gender is still deeply entrenched into society.

UN Women has taken a series of actions to help eradicate gender discrimination. Our committee adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. This convention defines what is discrimination of women and sets up an agenda for governmental action to end it. UN Women has changed a large amount stereotypes involving women.

Topic Background

The women's movement refers to a broad movement campaigning for women's rights and liberation. Some issues that concern the women's movement could be reproductive rights, sexual harassment, sexual violence, among many others. January 17th, 2017 was a very important moment in the United States: the president Donald Trump was elected, causing controversy because his background raised doubts about his objectivity in making decisions impacting his country and the world.

A violent riot its a social or civil disorder that is commonly made by a group of people in public spaces against authority, property, or people. They usually involve destruction of property and vandalism. Riots can lead to unwanted effects, people can be seriously injured or there can be casualties. In numerous studies that UN Women made, it stated that violent riots are usually

caused by provocation. Women's movements have a long history. One of the first violent riots that happened on a women's movement was the one on Versailles in 1789. After the French Revolution, the price of food went up leading most of the population to poverty. As this happened, women gathered in Paris to demand the grain stores and supermarkets to be opened. As the stores were still closed, all of the 7000 women went directly to King Louis XVI. When he hesitated to accept all of their demands, the protesters became violent and the royal family became forced to comply to their demands.

Another example of a violent riot on a women's movement happened this past August in Mexico City. Feminists were protesting on a Friday and Saturday morning over alleged rapes by police. Women from all around the world came supporting women to the movement "They Don't Take Care of Me, They Rape Me". Part of the protesters had a perception that city officials didn't invest enough time or resources investigating rape accusations. Marchers doused the city's police chief in pink glitter, coming to be known as the "glitter protesters". Some of them vandalised the Monument to Independence imprinting their slogan and condemning a "rape state".

Violent riots can be dangerous and it is important to prevent them. It is estimated that 35% of all of the women attending women's movements have been injured or abused.

Viable Solutions

A study conducted by the Women's Studies Research Centre in MS University of Baroda in collaboration with Sahiyar Women's Organization in Baroda, concluded that three out of five women do not feel safe in their city, state, or country. The interviewed women said they did not want to join a boycott or a movement because they were scared of speaking up, and of being harassed for doing so. They were also afraid of being abused while participating in protests or of getting trapped into a riot.

Violent riots shouldn't be happening. Women, like any other human being, should feel free to speak up. They should be free to join a movement if they want to, without having reasons to fear.

Delegates, help make this happen.

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