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Agenda Item: Protecting Women in the Age of Digital Abuse:
Regulating AI , Deepfakes and Online Gender-Based Violence

After an 8 year delay, Finland became a member of the United Nations on December 14 1955, and a member of UN Women on July 2 2010, however, long before that, Finland's domestic history aligned with the values of UN Women given the fact that it became the first country in the world to give women both the right to vote and the right to stand for election. Moreover, not only did Finland act as a leader among member states in forming UN Women, but Finland has also consistently been one of the top financial contributors since its inception, and continues to be a global leader in defending the safety and agency of women.

Gender-based violence is no longer limited to physical spaces. Today, Artificial Intelligence is weaponized to facilitate harassment, stalking, and the silencing of women. Finland firmly believes that gender equality is not only a fundamental human right but also the bedrock of a wealthy, democratic, and innovative society. While technology changes, so do the ways of exclusion and harm; however, Finland's commitment to stopping violence remains loyal.. Furthermore, as an EU member, Finland follows the EU AI Act which is the major law to define and regulate deepfakes.

As a co-leader of the Technology and Innovation Action Coalition under the UN WOMEN "Generation Equality" initiative, Finland is dedicated to ending the digital gender gap and making sure that the internet is a safe space for everybody, especially for women rights defenders and journalists who are targeted. It advocates for a "safety-by-design" approach along with a "zero tolerance policy" to be applied internationally, where tech developers are held responsible for the social impacts of their algorithms. Carrying forward with the legacy of ambassadors like Minna Canth, who stand for equality in the physical world, into the digital world, Finland firmly believes in its mission to make sure that the next generation of women does not live in fear because of AI, but rather stands empowered by its potential.

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