



Committee: UNWOMEN

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

Currently, technology takes a big part of our daily life and at the same time it's being used as a harmful weapon against women. While digital platforms become more integrated to our lives the possibility of digital abuse has increased. Every year millions of women are affected because of digital abuse. Digital abuse starts from screens or digital platforms but its impacts through women's life at work and public spaces even at home. Women feel loss of self confidence, anxious and stressed and they avoid themselves from social media. Also unfortunately there are different ways of digital abuse like cyberbullying, deepfakes, image-based sexual abuse, catfishing, doxing and more. These are done by publishing someone's personal information, sharing or threatening to share or distribute someone's nude photos without their consent, videos in which a person's face or voice is superimposed onto another video, such as pornographic content, to make it appear as if that person has participated in certain actions or made certain statements.

Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action adopted by 189 countries and more than 40,000 delegates in 1995 to empower women. In 2024 Global Digital Combat set the first UN-wide standards. In December 2024 member states adopted the UN Cybercrime Convention. Also regional bodies took action by doing African Union's Convention on Ending Violence against Women and Girls and the EU's Digital Services Act. In 2025 UNWOMEN starts a 16 days of activism for the purpose of ending digital violence against women and girls all over the world.

In Chile, 73.8% of women report experiencing digital violence according to data from the NGO Amaranta. This shows that how critical our situation is in terms of protecting women from digital abuse. The Republic of Chile is a party to Budapest Convention which is related to cybercrime however still there is limited specific law or legislation. The Republic of Chile hasn't got enough laws or policies about this new topic and we are taking steps to find permanent solutions. Additionally voluntary actions are ongoing. University of Chile has started campaign to combat digital sexual violence against women. Campaign draws attention that especially young women are affected by this situation. It is emphasized that digital violence isn't only an online problem, but also seriously affects women's psychological health, social life and reputation.

For years many women have faced many wrong thoughts in society. Women called weak or they believed women can't be independent, they can't take part in science or politics. Misogyny is a term that has existed for many centuries and is still ongoing today. We believe that, changing stereotypes and prejudices can solve the problem at its roots. This change could come through social media or using billboards at streets which can bring about social change and awareness of raise. Moreover, educational institutions should be focusing more on this issue. In that way meanwhile girls can know their rights boys can learn how to respect women from early age. However changes and enhancements to existing more strengthen laws are necessary for a permanent solution.

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