**COUNTRY:NICARAGUA**

**COMMITTEE:UN WOMEN**

**TOPIC:DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DURING COVID-19**

As we all know domestic violence is a serious problem around the World. We define domestic abuse as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatning, degrading and violent behaviour, in the majority of cases by a partner or ex-patner, but also by a family member of carer. In the vast majority of cases it is experienced by women and is prepetrated by men. Sadly domestic violence increased during COVID-19. In fact one in three women worldwide experience physical or sexual violence mostly by an intimate partner which is massive percentage.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international treaties specify that everyone has a right to privacy. Nicaragua, one of the world’s poorest countries, has made the most progress in narrowing its gender gap over the 10 years according to World Economic Forum report the measure for total equality is 100%. Nicaragua’s domestic violence rate was 55% in 1995 but we made significant progress with domestic violence deacreasing to 28% in 2016. During pandemic luckyly this situation didn’t change in our country but in many countrys such as Singapore, Cyprus and Australia domestic violence has increased by 30-40%.

Our country made many precautions to avoid domestic violence such as mandating equal representation ensuring that at least 50% of public offices be held by women and the program named Zero Usury that aims to empower women by granting financial independence.

Resources: <https://www.womensaid.org.uk/information-support/what-is-domestic-abuse/>

<https://borgenproject.org/domestic-violence-in-nicaragua/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gender_equality_in_Nicaragua>

<https://outrightinternational.org/theme/privacy-and-family?gclid=CjwKCAiAksyNBhAPEiwAlDBeLHprX5yzQyUR5pZOvKdNgM2Dx6w_MZm1iCqIghQbp_Q2RHvL0bzHUBoCSV0QAvD_BwE>