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Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women which establishes measures to be taken by States to address discrimination as the root cause of violence against women. Since violence against women was also an , participants underlined the need to include measures to combat such violence in national development strategies, including in poverty reduction strategies and strategies to meet the Millennium Development Goals. The need for international cooperation in tackling violence against women was noted.

4. Participants recognized that effectively tackling violence against women required and courage, and . Strong and clear political statements from the highest level of those in public leadership positions were instrumental in removing obstacles to eliminating violence against women. The dearth of resources available for initiatives to combat violence against women was acknowledged and viewed as an indication of a lack of serious commitment.

5. The need for sound on causes, risk factors, prevalence and forms of violence against women was highlighted as such knowledge made different forms of violence against women visible, and served as basis for developing informed policy responses, effective laws and support services for victims. Data were also required to compile indicators to measure and track the impact of initiatives to combat violence against women. It was highlighted that even in data-rich countries, there was a lack of effective and comprehensive evaluation and monitoring of measures taken, including due to lack of resources committed to such work.

6. Participants also recognized that violence against women impacted on all aspects of women's lives. Concern was expressed about the inter-generational transmission of such violence, where children who witnessed violence in their homes may be more likely to experience, or perpetuate such violence as adults.

7. Participants stressed that efforts to address all forms of violence against women required a . Development and implementation of such an approach required cooperation and coordination among various stakeholders so as to take advantage of their relative strengths. Participants highlighted the importance of working with non-governmental organizations and civil society in developing initiatives for addressing and preventing all forms of violence against women. In this regard, participants recognized that the movement to raise awareness about and address violence against women had been initiated and sustained by women's groups and that grassroots level activists had a wealth of experience on successful interventions.

8. Participants provided many examples of initiatives to address violence against women, at the national, regional and international levels. While recognizing that different cultural settings required different approaches, including to change harmful practices and stereotypical attitudes, participants noted that cultural considerations could not provide justifications for violence against women.

9. At the national level, comprehensive on violence against women had been

