



Violence against women and girls is an urgent problem with a global reach. Worldwide, one in three women has been battered or sexually abused. In the Netherlands, eighty-four percent of young adult women become the victims of sexual harassment at some point. And lesbian, bisexual and transgender women everywhere, also in the Netherlands, run an increased risk of discrimination and violence.

Violence against women may occur wherever economic, political and social inequalities between women and men prevail. Thus we see violence not only in homes and in relationships, but we also see it being caused or fueled by political conflicts and civil unrest.

provide useful encouragement. We in the Netherlands are also pleased with the resolution on violence against women, as

recently adopted by the General Assembly. With the measures

Equality between men and women – politically, socially, economically and sexually – is vital to combating violence. We must therefore not only work on prevention, but also on increasing the resilience of girls and women and on enhancing the expertise of professionals.

In addition, we must also combat violence at the level of perception. Stereotype images prevent both men and women

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