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General Assembly interactive dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”, UNHQ New York, 13 May 2009

On 13 May 2009, the General Assembly held an interactive dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”. The dialogue was moderated by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas G. Weiss, and featured a panel of experts including the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Navi Pillay. The dialogue focused on the need for a global framework to address human trafficking and the role of the United Nations in this effort. The Secretary-General emphasized the importance of a comprehensive approach that involves all stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and the private sector. The High Commissioner highlighted the need for stronger legal and judicial systems to prosecute traffickers and protect victims. The dialogue concluded with a call for action to address the root causes of human trafficking and to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity and respect.

Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, B M 2009,

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Side event on “Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses to Violence against Women and Girls” during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria, 16-24 April 2009

The side event was held on 21 April 2009, during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria. The event was moderated by the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and featured a panel of experts including the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Navi Pillay, and the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas G. Weiss. The side event focused on the need for a comprehensive approach to address violence against women and girls, including prevention, protection, and prosecution. The Secretary-General emphasized the importance of a multi-stakeholder approach that involves all stakeholders, including governments, civil society, and the private sector. The High Commissioner highlighted the need for stronger legal and judicial systems to prosecute perpetrators and protect victims. The side event concluded with a call for action to address the root causes of violence against women and girls and to ensure that all victims are treated with dignity and respect.

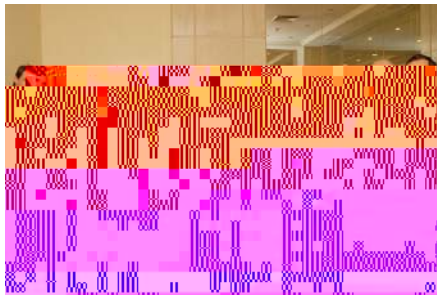


**Highlights of the UN Secretary General's Campaign
UNiTE to End Violence against Women**

The Secretary-General's Campaign to End Violence against Women is a global effort to raise awareness and mobilize resources to end violence against women and girls. The campaign is led by the Secretary-General and is supported by the United Nations and its member states. The campaign is based on the Secretary-General's 2008 report, "Study on the Impact of the Crisis of Impunity on Women and Girls." The campaign is a key part of the United Nations' commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 5, "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls." The campaign is implemented through a variety of activities, including public events, media campaigns, and the development of national action plans. The campaign is a testament to the power of collective action and the commitment of the United Nations to the well-being of all people.

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Expert group meeting on "Good practices in legislation to address harmful practices against women", Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-28 May 2009

The United Nations Development Fund (UNDAF) is pleased to announce the results of the expert group meeting on "Good practices in legislation to address harmful practices against women" held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 25-28 May 2009. The meeting was organized by UNDAF in partnership with the Ethiopian Government and the United Nations Women's Rights and Gender Equality Unit. The meeting brought together experts from various countries to discuss and share best practices in legislation to address harmful practices against women, such as child marriage, female genital mutilation, and early pregnancy. The meeting was a success, with participants from over 20 countries attending and contributing to the development of a set of recommendations for governments to improve their legislation. The meeting was a testament to the power of collective action and the commitment of the United Nations to the well-being of all people.

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