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25 November 2010: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

The 11th International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was marked by a series of high-level statements and events at UNHQ and around the world.

- In his message for the International Day, Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, stated:

“This year’s observance highlights the role the business community can play – from developing projects to providing direct financial support to organizations working to end violence and embracing the principles of corporate social responsibility ... The word is spreading: violence against women and girls has no place in any society, and impunity for perpetrators must no longer be tolerated. On this International Day, I urge all – Governments, civil society, the corporate sector, individuals – to take responsibility for eradicating violence against women and girls.”
 UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, 25 November 2010

<http://www.un.org/en/events/endviolenceday/sgmessages.shtml>

- UN Women Executive Director, Michelle Bachelet, delivered a message for the International Day, affirming:

“Stopping violations of women’s human rights is a moral imperative ... Joining in the efforts to stop violence is everybody’s responsibility. Governments, private enterprises, civil society groups, communities and individual citizens can all make essential contributions. Men and boys must be active in encouraging respect for women and zero tolerance for violence. Cultural and religious leaders can send clear messages about the value of a world free of violence against women.”
 UN Women Executive Director, Michelle Bachelet, 25 November 2010

<http://www.unwomen.org/2010/11/to-end-violence-against-women-we-must-all-join-together/>

- UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Navi Pillay, and UNFPA Executive Director, Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, also delivered messages for the International Day, available respectively at:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=10560&LangID=E>

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/news/pid/6951>

- Official observance at UNHQ of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, “Leadership of the Corporate Sector in Ending Violence against Women and Girls”, 23 November 2010. Speakers included UN Women Executive Director, Michelle Bachelet, H.E. Joseph Goddard, Permanent Representative of Barbados to the United Nations, and Debi Nova, Grammy award nominee and artist from Costa Rica. In his keynote address, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stressed how corporate executives are finding new ways

to address violence against women and welcomed those initiatives. A panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Juju Chang of ABC News and included Ms. Margery Kraus, Chief Executive Officer, APCO Worldwide, Ms. Sharon D’Agostino, Vice-President, Corporate Contributions, Johnson & Johnson, and Ms. Shupe Makashinyi, Equality Now,

It requested the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of such commitments and regularly update the Council.

<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2010/sc10122.doc.htm>

The resolution is available at:

http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/unsc_resolutions10.htm

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In October 2010, various events were held at UNHQ and throughout the world to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325

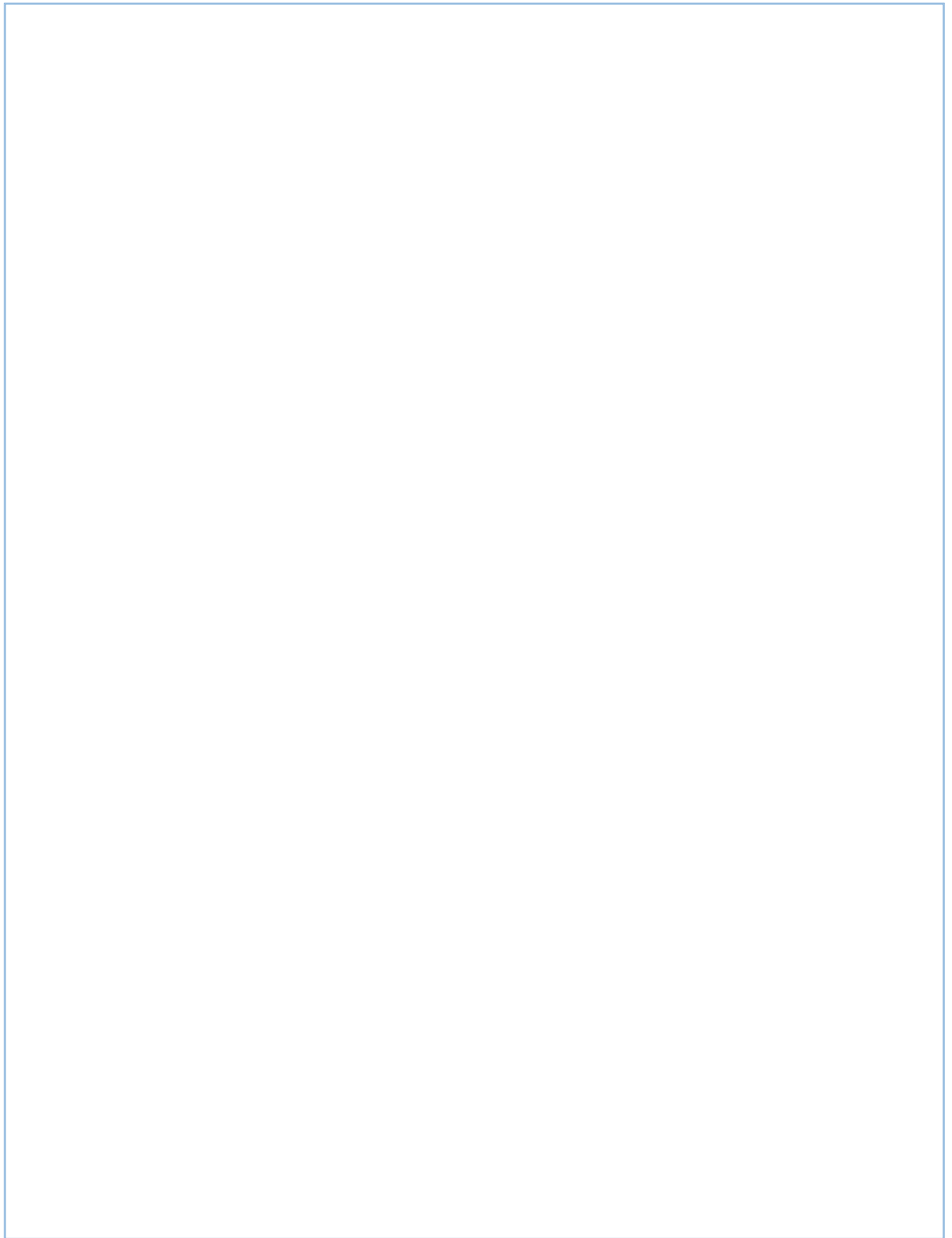
- On 26 October 2010, the Security Council held an open debate on women and peace and security to mark the anniversary, during which it heard from various stakeholders. The debate followed the

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As of 31 December 2010, 106 responses to the questionnaire on violence against women had been received from Member States. The secretariat has continued to receive useful updates from Member States.

Member States that have not yet submitted a response to the questionnaire are encouraged to do so at their earliest convenience so that more detailed information can be reflected in the database.

The Secretary-General's database is available on line at: <http://www.un.org/esa/vawdatabase/>

R P a G H a R a H a T a :C a (OHCHR), 2010

The 2002 Recommended Principles and Guidelines were developed by OHCHR to provide practical, human rights-based policy guidance on the prevention of trafficking and the protection of victims of trafficking. This 2010 Commentary sets out a comprehensive analysis of the Recommended Principles and Guidelines in the light of both general principles of international law and the specific rules that relate directly to trafficking. The Commentary aims at providing further concrete guidance on the prevention of human trafficking and the protection of victims of trafficking.

http://bangkok.ohchr.org/news/events/humantrafficking_16122010.aspx

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/PUBLICATIONSRESOURCES/Pages/RecentPublications.aspx>

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This collection of papers brings together a body of analytical and advocacy work undertaken over the last five years, grounded in programming that has helped advance the women, peace and security agenda in policy and practice. The collection includes papers on gender issues in early warning, peace processes, peacekeeping, post-conflict planning and financing, and transitional justice. The papers describe a range of ongoing efforts to strengthen the UN's capacities to promote peace and prevent violence.

http://www.unifem.org/materials/item_detail.php?ProductID=186

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This joint publication provides an overview of the activities and organization of the Inter-agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT), and a gap analysis within the various fields of work related to trafficking in persons undertaken over the last 10 years. The publication also offers recommendations for coordinated future action to combat trafficking in persons.

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/inter-agency-coordination-group-against-trafficking-in-persons-icat.html>

= (), 2010. The release of the report on the state of the world population council resolution 1325. The report highlights how women in conflict and post-conflict situations as well as in emergencies

affect women and girls—and men and boys—and shows how many women and young people have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and have begun rebuilding their lives and laying the foundation for peace and renewal of their societies.

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/home/publications/pid/6801>

The report is available at:

http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2010/EN_

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This paper analyses how media, parliaments and other state institutions, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)