

CODE: RSC/1/3
COMMITTEE: Reformed Security Council
TOPIC: Women, Peace and Security

1 *The Reformed Security Council,*

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3 *Noting* the United Nations Department of Political Affairs Guidance for Mediators, which
4 defines “sexual violence” as rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, forced pregnancy,
5 and forced sterilization, and trafficking,

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7 *Affirming* a sincere commitment to end sexual violence in conflict regions made by the
8 Member States of the 68th session with the widespread endorsement of the Declaration of
9 Commitment to End Sexual Violence in Conflict,

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11 *Recognizing* that the use of sexual violence in armed conflict is a war crime, which
12 constitutes a grave breach of the Geneva Conventions and their first Protocol,

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14 *Emphasizing* the importance of S/RES/2106, which deplores sexual violence as an
15 impediment to the critical contributions of women to society, S/RES/1960, which calls
16 for the implementation of time-bound commitments to combat sexual violence, and rape
17 as a weapon of war which is a direct violation of S/RES/1820,

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19 *Commending* the work of the United Nations Development Fund for Women in the
20 crafting of National Action Plans which seek to end sexual violence,

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22 *Recognizing* the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the statutes
23 of ad hoc international criminal tribunals, which prosecute those responsible for atrocities
24 during times of war and genocide and convictions of political and military leaders to
25 bring justice to victims and to deter other from committing such crimes in the future,

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27 1. *Encourages* Member States to come together to dispel the notion that sexual violence
28 in conflict is inevitable and demonstrate the impact of these heinous actions on
29 individuals, governments, and the global community;

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31 2. *Recognizes* the need for collaboration between international organizations, the United
32 Nations, and Member States in the prevention and monitoring of sexual violence in
33 conflict-affected areas, as well as the protection and empowerment of victims and
34 survivors;

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36 3. *Calls upon* the General Assembly to expand the mandate of UN Women to include:

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38 a. Encouraging and improving the safe and ethical collection of data and evidence of
39 sexual violence committed in conflict;

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41 b. Deploying Gender Advisors, at the request of host governments and the UN, to
42 aid in the building of national capacities to hold perpetrators of sexual violence
43 accountable and to improve victims’ access to justice;

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44 c. Distributing information in both native and official languages based upon the data
45 collected to populaces in conflict with the permission of the governing Member
State;

- 46 4. *Requests* the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) address the need to
47 increase support for survivors of sexual violence and those who seek to defend the
48 human rights of individuals in conflict-affected areas through:
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- 50 a. Prioritizing and increasing financial support to sexual violence prevention and
51 response efforts from their inception and beyond,
 - 52 b. Encouraging the World Health Organization (WHO) to provide timely,
53 comprehensive, and accessible health, psychological, and social assistance and
54 care to victims of sexual violence, their families, and children born as the result of
55 sexual violence,
 - 56 c. Properly training all peacekeepers to understand both the gravity of sexual
57 violence in conflict and the best ways to prevent it;
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- 59 5. *Calls upon* the international community to take action to shatter the impunity for
60 sexual violence and hold perpetrators in conflict areas accountable by:
- 61 a. Implementing international standards for documenting and investigating sexual
62 violence in conflict-affected areas;
 - 63 b. Assist in strengthening domestic laws to ensure that perpetrators of sexual
64 violence in conflict can be reliably prosecuted both within and outside the
65 conflict-affected state;
 - 66 c. Reinforcing international action dedicated to holding perpetrators of war crimes
67 accountable through:
 - 68 i. Increasing support to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on
69 Sexual Violence in Conflict as chair of UN Action against Sexual Violence in
70 Conflict;
 - 71 ii. Supporting and strengthening the efforts of the International Criminal Court
72 and relevant ad-hoc courts;
 - 73 iii. Encouraging Member States to work in cooperation with the United Nations
74 Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) to formulate National Action
75 Plans which implement domestic regulations which mirror international
76 regulations.