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**OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES: WOMEN AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Mr. Joinet, Mr. Kartashkin, Ms. Motoc, Mr. Oloka-Onyango,  
Mr. Rodriguez-Cuadros, Mr. Sik Yuen, Ms. Warzazi, and  
Ms. Zerrougui: draft resolution**

**2001/... Situation of women and girls in the territories  
controlled by Afghan armed groups**

*The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,*

*Recalling* its resolution 2000/1 of 17 August 2000,

*Taking note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General

(E/CN.4/Sub.2/2001/28), containing substantive information and recommendations,

*Recalling* that the fundamental rights of women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups must be respected in all circumstances and that deliberate policies discriminating against women and girls in that country on the grounds of sex constitute gross and flagrant violations of the international instruments relating to human rights,

*Regretting* that, according to the report of the Secretary-General, the situation of women and girls overall has largely remained unchanged,

1. *Condemns* all forms of discrimination and violation affecting women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups, who are deprived of the enjoyment of civil and political rights and the rights to health, education, employment, freedom of movement and security;

2. *Notes, in particular, with concern* that the report of the Secretary-General indicates that women and girls are suffering disproportionately from the obstacles to the fulfilment and enjoyment of all their rights and that there is at present little indication that the situation might improve, at any rate in the near future;

3. *Notes* in this connection that this situation is totally at variance with the precepts of Islam, which imposes on Muslims the duty to acquire an education and to pursue knowledge;

4. *Condemns* the official policies discriminating against women;

5. *Considers it essential* that the international community continue to follow very closely the situation of women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups and bring the necessary pressure to bear so that all the restrictions imposed on women, which constitute flagrant and systematic violations of all the internationally recognized economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights, are removed;

6. *Congratulates* the United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations on the measures and programmes adopted with a view to lending support and assistance to women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups and strongly encourages them to continue their efforts despite the difficulties encountered;

7. *Encourages* continued United Nations activities aimed at promoting the fundamental rights of women and girls in the territories controlled by Afghan armed groups, and supports their efforts to create a humanitarian framework within which humanitarian operations can be conducted in a calm environment in the utmost safety and to induce the Taliban to comply with the provisions governing the conduct of such operations;

8. *Considers* that it is the duty of these groups to respect the fundamental rights of the individual and particularly those of women, in conformity with international law and humanitarian law;

9. *Requests* the Commission on Human Rights to insist that the Afghan armed groups abide by international human rights standards in relation to women, which entails the repeal of all edicts and the end to all forms of discrimination on the grounds of sex;

10. *Considers* that any diplomatic recognition and any financial agreement with the Taliban regime would reinforce the discriminatory treatment which the latter is reserving for women, whereas it must be induced to end such treatment;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to make available all the information that can be compiled on this question;

12. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question at its fifty-fourth session under the same agenda item.

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