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Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women

1. Replace the sixteenth preambular paragraph with the following:

Recognizing that trafficking in persons, especially women and children, is a serious form of violence against women and girls, and in this regard welcoming the adoption of the United Nations Global Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons by the General Assembly in July 2010 and expressing the need for its full and effective implementation.

2. In operative paragraph 8:

- (a) Delete the words “it is important that”;

- (b) Replace the word “stresses” with the word “urges”;

- (c) Replace the words “custom, tradition or religious consideration” with the words “harmful aspects of certain traditional, customary or modern practices”;

- (d) Replace the word “obligation” with the word “commitment”.

3. The amended paragraph would then read as follows:

8. Urges States to strongly condemn all forms of violence against women and refrain from invoking any harmful aspects of certain traditional, customary or modern practices to avoid their commitment with respect to its elimination as set out in the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women;

4. Replace operative paragraph 18 with the following:

Stresses the contribution of the ad hoc international criminal tribunals in ending impunity through ensuring accountability and punishing perpetrators of

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violence against women, as well as the contribution the International Criminal Court can make, and urges States to consider ratifying or acceding as a matter of priority to the Rome Statute, which entered into force on 1 July 2002.
