

## **HRC 11<sup>th</sup> Session; Item 3; Interactive dialogue**

### **Interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women, its causes and consequences, Ms. Yakin Ertürk**

#### **Questions by Finland**

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**Mr. President,**

Finland would like to thank the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Yakin Ertürk, for her third report to the Human Rights Council titled the Political Economy of Women's Human Rights. We commend Ms. Ertürk for raising this timely issue and its relation to Violence against Women. In relation to the observations made in the report, Finland would like to pose the following questions:

- The SR states that the imbalance between the Covenants on civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights have constrained efforts to transform conditions underlying gender inequality and violence against women, rendering this issue a mere women's problem. In what way could the disparity between the rights be bridged in order to strengthen the efforts to end violence against women?
- Violence against women in conflict situations is unfortunately common. The SR states that the failure to address women's economic and social rights in post-conflict situations, contributes to women's poverty and material insecurity, making them vulnerable to abuse. In what way does the SR consider that women can be empowered in post-crisis situations to fight abuse and violence by evoking their economic and social rights in the spirit of resolution 1325? How does the SR perceive the engagement of men in fighting violence against women in post-conflict situations?
- Elimination of violence against women is crucial in hampering the HIV/AIDS pandemic, as many victims of violence are infected with the disease. Many international efforts to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS are successfully underway. Does the SR see that these efforts could be harnessed to focus more directly on ending violence against women and if so, what would be the best approach?

Mr. President,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Ertürk for her valuable work as Special Rapporteur and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.