

# The work of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women on violence against women

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Women

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# About the UNDAW

- Framework: Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and review session
- Main functions include:
  - Substantive support to the Commission on the Status of Women, UN General Assembly, and ECOSOC
  - Policy research and analysis
- Violence against women is one of the 12 Critical Areas of Concern identified by the Beijing Platform for Action

## The United Nations and work to address violence against women since 2006

- Launch of the **Secretary-General's in-depth study on violence against women** (also known as *Ending violence against women: from words to action*)
- Comprehensive resolution (A/RES/61/143) adopted by the General Assembly in 2006
- February 2008: launch of the Secretary-General's ***UNiTE to end violence against women campaign***
  - <http://endviolence.un.org/>
  - <http://www.un.org/russian/women/endviolence/>

## Work of the UNDAW on violence against women since 2006

- Proposed set of **global indicators** to measure violence against women (currently under consideration by the United Nations Statistical Commission)
- Preparation of a model **framework for legislation** on violence against women
- Establishment of a **coordinated database** on violence against women, including preparation of a comprehensive **questionnaire to Member States**



## About the database on violence against women and the questionnaire to Member States

- Information from a variety of sources, including States parties' reports to the human rights treaty bodies, and information from UN entities
- Main source of information for the database will be responses to the questionnaire to Member States



# Information requested by the questionnaire

- Information is requested on the following eleven categories of measures:
  - Institutional mechanisms
  - Coordination and collaboration
  - Legal framework
  - Training and capacity-building
  - Policies and programmes
  - Resources
  - Services for women survivors
  - Preventive measures
  - Data and statistics
  - Evaluation
  - Good practices



## Further information on the work of UNDAW on violence against women

- UNDAW website on violence against women:  
<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/vaw/>