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**Expert Group Meeting
on indicators to measure violence against women**

*Co-organized by UNECE, UNDAW and UNSD, in collaboration with ECLAC,
ESCWA, ESCAP, and ECA*

*Hosted by the Conference of European Statisticians Task Force
on violence against women*

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I. Background

On 19 December 2006, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted without a vote a resolution entitled “Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women” (A/RES/61/143). The resolution requested:

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Indicators to measure violence against women have been suggested by different actors, including governmental actors (such as the European Union, Statistics Canada, US Centers for Disease Control-National Center for Inquiry Prevention and Control, and the United Kingdom), non-governmental actors (such as the European Women's Lobby) and entities of the United Nations system (UNECLAC, UNHCR, Secretary-

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women in CES countries⁴. Relevant initiatives have also been implemented by several other regional commissions. This expertise and experience should be fully utilized in supporting future work of global intergovernmental bodies in this area.

II. Objectives of the Expert Group Meeting

The main objectives of the meeting are to:

- ◆ take stock of existing major national, regional and international initiatives aimed at developing indicators on violence against women;
- ◆ assess advantages and disadvantages of various indicator proposals;
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