

Resolution presented by the delegation of the Republic of Bénin

Theme: Conflicts and International Security

Concern: Global Eradication of Female Genital Mutilation(FGM)

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging that, as reported by UNICEF, the Republic of Bénin has made substantial progress in reducing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), with prevalence rates among women aged 15 to 49 decreasing from 17% in 2001 to 9% in 2014, in line with international human rights agreements focused on the protection and empowerment of women and girls. This progress illustrates Bénin's dedication to the global mission of eliminating FGM;

Expressing concern that, despite ongoing efforts, FGM continues to be practiced in numerous countries, with the World Health Organization estimating that over 200 million girls and women worldwide have been affected, and noting with urgency the need to enhance global and regional cooperation to eliminate the practice, which perpetuates gender-based violence;

Affirming that the continued existence of FGM constitutes a grave violation of basic human rights, including the rights to health, security, and bodily autonomy, as outlined in international human rights instruments;

Recognizing the critical importance of eradicating FGM to uphold the integrity of international human rights standards and to protect the health and well-being of women and girls globally;

Recalling that Bénin's comprehensive legal frameworks, awareness campaigns, and community-based programs have played a significant role in reducing FGM prevalence, setting an example for other nations to emulate;

Calls upon all named countries to establish binding regulatory frameworks that are in full compliance with international human rights obligations, aiming for the phased eradication of FGM, with full eradication by 2026;

Requests the following actions:

- That all health and social services implement strict preventive measures against FGM and provide adequate support for survivors;
- That economic and diplomatic measures be employed against countries obstructing international efforts to eradicate FGM;

Affirms its commitment to periodically review and support the progress of member states toward the eradication of FGM in alignment with international human rights standards.

The English text prevails.