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## *Unity or Divergence in Times of Crisis?*

### Oppression of Women in Africa

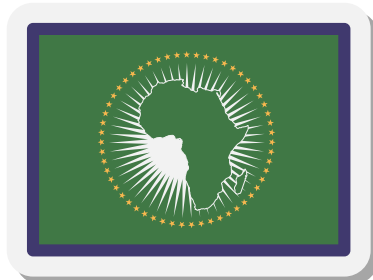
The African Union convened amongst each other on the topic of abuse and education of men and women in Africa. The main focus was to find ways to put an end to the abuse and murder of women across the countries. Many countries reported high amounts of domestic violence with even more going unreported. Countries all agreed that not only has it become normalized but it is involved in the culture through practices like genital mutilation of young girls. The second issue was young girls being sexually abused and assaulted by men along with them getting pregnant at a very young age. They agreed with multiple factors that they could use to stop these atrocities. The first idea they presented was to come together to create laws that would make abuse and these procedures illegal in all African countries. They agreed to meet yearly to make sure these laws were enforced without harming the deep culture of some of these countries. Next, they decided that they could fund communities that are dedicated to protecting and providing services for women to feel safe. These centers would provide services such as therapy and education so women can get jobs and become more involved in the country. With this, it would help the country economically by providing more jobs and income for all families. The funding for these communities would come from large companies along with wealthier countries. Delegates also agreed to involve sex education in schools to teach young men and women about their bodies to give more power and education to women.

### Interviewing the Delegates

The Press Corps selected the interviews of two delegates to share. Starting with the delegate of Djibouti who talked about "One-Stop-Shops" (Clinics attached to hospitals that specialize in helping domestic violence victims) that have been implemented in Djibouti as places of refuge for women who have been physically and sexually abused. The delegate highlighted the importance of these clinics, stating to the significant number of sex workers there. "This is a place where women can tell their stories on these sensitive topics and feel heard in their communities, in hopes to stop this violence." states the delegate of Djibouti.

Next, the delegate of Guinea-Bissau covered the inequality between men and women in African culture. One of the places where this unjust treatment is evident is within the education system. "We believe in supplying education to both girls and boys, so they understand that there is more life besides giving birth." This statement was made in the unmoderated caucus of the third session.

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### Crisis Update:

#### ***A Terrorist Attack Upturns the Lives of Africans ...***

Breaking news: Terrorists want to bring peace to Africa. but there's too many people affecting africa. However, they say with them they can save and help Africa's future. The goal of the terrorists is to take the ones living in poverty and there resources to help the wealthy. the point is, is to stay safe and be on the lookout for these terrorists.