

I. Introduction

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and/or to keep them under economic subjugation, sexual exploitation, gender domination and control.⁵³ In Nepal, particularly in the southern Terai region, elderly women, widows, destitute women and women of low caste are often targeted and deprived of their property rights or victimized to settle a personal vendetta.⁵⁴

40. In Papua New Guinea, cases of torture and murder of an estimated 500 women accused of practising sorcery/witchcraft have been reported.⁵⁵ Sorcery allegations against ,

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48. The Special Rapporteur on violence against women has raised concerns about the phenomenon of self-immolation, reported in Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, whereby women and girls attempt suicide by setting themselves on fire because they feel they are dishonouring the family.⁷³

49. United Nations treaty bodies have expressed concerns that honour-

dowry law in 1976, Bangladesh in 1980 and Nepal in 2009.

62. The intersection of different layers of discrimination based on race, ethnic identity, sex, class, education and political views further disenfranchises indigenous and aboriginal women, reproducing a multi-level oppression that culminates in violence. In cases of killings of aboriginal and indigenous women, the main failings by the authorities are the failure of police to protect women and girls from violence and to investigate promptly and thoroughly.

The killing of women constitutes²¹

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According to the information gathered to date, no country has all the information necessary to calculate and create the proposed indicators.

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