



**FORUM:** GA3  
**QUESTION OF:** Making safe abortions possible for victims of rape in LEDCs  
**SUBMITTED BY:** Saudi Arabia

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 3<sup>rd</sup> COMMITTEE

*Fully alarmed* by the fact that in many LEDCs rape is committed every few minutes on average,

*Alarmed* by the fact that figures on the number of cases of rape are more often than not unreliable because rape is a taboo subject,

*Deeply concerned* by the fact that a large percentage of rape victims in LEDCs are children,

*Emphasising* that in many countries rape is not a reason to perform an abortion,

*Keeping in mind* that lack of allowance will not stop rape survivors from getting abortions, but it will only encourage them to perform them in breach of law, which will only result in damage to health or death of patients,

1. Expresses its appreciation of organisations, such as Lawyers Against Abuse, taking action to ensure that rapists are held accountable for their crimes;
2. Encourages more developed countries to send emissaries to set up medical establishments where rape victims can receive treatment and/or information, inter alia about safe methods of abortion, such as:
  - a. dilatation and evacuation (D&E),
  - b. medical methods (mifepristone and misoprostol),
  - c. curettage,
  - d. manual vacuum aspiration;
3. Urges the governments of the states where rape has been used as a weapon in the event of unrest to recognise rape victims as war victims, which will grant them the rights and privileges thereof;
4. Calls the governments of LEDCs to recognise rape as a sufficient reason to perform abortion on rape victims;



5. Suggests that, once abortion is considered legal in the case of rape victims, hospitals in LEDCs should be subsidised and provided with the following:
  - a. qualified staff,
  - b. professional equipment,
  - c. post-abortion care wards,
  - d. necessary medicaments;
6. Emphasizes the importance of education in LEDCs in order to render rape victims aware of how to receive help, what abortion is and how to perform it safely as well as stop abortion from being a taboo issue;
7. Further emphasizes the importance of implementing punishments, such as imprisonment, deprivation of the rights to practise the profession, for illegal abortion providers, including but not limited to women performing abortions on themselves;
8. Reminds that rapists are not always strangers, but also spouses, which is often disregarded by society;
9. Draws the attention to the costs of dangerous abortions not only to women, but also to their existing children, partners and families and to health services and society as well;
10. Further draws the attention to the fact that female victims are more likely to report on sex crimes to female police officers;
11. Further recommends to recruit more women to police forces;
12. Calls for UN officers' monitoring investigations of rape cases in LEDCs, and for intervention when corrupt police officers and court officials deny services and take bribes from rapists;
13. \*Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.

\* The last operative clause, at least in the Security Council, is almost always "Decides [or Resolves] to remain seized of the matter," (sometimes changed to "actively seized"). It appears to be an assurance that the body in question will consider the topic addressed in the resolution in the future if it is necessary.