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Mr. President,  
Excellencies,  
Everyone,

The challenges brought by climate change has continuously highered the level of violence and killing of women and girls. Responses to these issues require strong, intersectional gender aspects on both prevention and enforcement.

Climate change increases the amount of extreme weather events. In natural catastrophes the mortality rate for women is 14-times higher than for men. Rapes, human trafficking, child marriages and domestic violence increases immediately after disasters.

Shifting climate conditions has a rienforcing effect on conflicts, and as we know, conflicts have heavy consequences on women and girls. Sexual violence is used as a weapon of war, as a way to torture, and for ethnic cleansing in levels reaching genocidal dimensions. Conflicts also exacerbate child marriages, human trafficking, FGM, and honor-related killings.

The Center for Global Nonkilling urges the UN Human Rights Council and member states to include intersectional gender-responsive factors in their action plans for tackling climate change. Violence against women already represents a huge burden, with killings representing the tip of the iceberg. We cannot allow this burden to increase for any reason, including the effects of climate change.

Thank you.