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We believe adoption of a universal convention on violence against women within the United Nations Organization (UN) would enable to implement more effectively the measures taken by the UN member countries. Since the adoption of CEDAW, many countries have positive experience in the fight against violence. However, the issues regarding the violence against women are envisaged within the scope of Article 2 of CEDAW Convention and are defined as the form of discrimination in general without specifying them.

At the same time, number of countries have joined the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention and have improved their national defense mechanisms. It should be taken into the account that the relevant UN agencies allocate enough funds and provide sufficient technical assistance to countries to combat against gender-based violence, in particular domestic violence. Besides, there is a need to improve further the procedure for the review of complaints on the violence against women within the UN.

It should be noted that attitude and views of many international experts to the issue of reconciliation of parties after the domestic violence is ambiguous. In practice there are many difficulties to prove the act of psychological abuse, as well. Experience shows that sometimes the corrective work with the person who committed violence (perpetrator) does not give positive results. In this respect, there is need for the formation of unique approach to this kind of issues.

Taking into the consideration the abovementioned, it would be expedient to adopt an appropriate document within the UN on violence against women. In this regard, closer cooperation of the Special Rapporteur with UN member states could give positive results.