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The Advancement of Women was the first topic to be discussed in the ECOSOC Committee. The delegations interviewed were Haiti, Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Sweden, The Democratic Republic of Congo, São Tomé, Israel, Belarus, Lebanon, Belize, and The Republic of Portugal. The committee discussed the worldwide problem of women's inequality. Inequality is everywhere. In the workplace and in homes and city's. There are many places where these issues are more prominent. Women throughout the world are struggling to obtain their rights whether they be the right to vote, to work or the right to choose who they wish to marry. In many places particularly in the Middle East, Latin America and Kazakhstan women are the underdogs and aren't allowed to even speak out for what they believe in. "We need to encourage women to speak out about injustices done to them" say the delegate from the São Tomé. This is quite true and many other delegations agreed with this statement. This was of course one of the repeated opinions that flowed through the room during the four hours of committee session.

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“Women should be able to go the the full extent of their education” says the delegate from Kazakhstan. The problem of women not getting enough education has been very prominent among countries. If young girls or women are unable to get education then there should be people to help women and girls to learn privately. Women should be able to be trained in a certain skill. Then they should have access to a job where they can use this skill that they have trained in. Lebanon suggests that law that there is a certain age of where women would have to go to school (Kazakhstan agrees with this). Many countries take the standpoint that if women and men alike are taught from a young age that they are equal then there will be less inequality in the workplace when they are older.

Sexual Harassment is also a very big problem within many states, countries, districts and kingdoms. Men in many of the countries listed in the first paragraph take advantage of unmarried women and their wives. “A lot of woman who are sexually harassed don’t say anything about it” says the delegate from the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Republic of Kazakhstan also suggests that women and girls are taught on how to stand up for their rights. The Democratic Republic of Congo suggests that Women should be more protected from sexual perpetrators and abusers. “Sexual harassment can be eliminated but many steps would have to be taken to do this” says the delegate from Israel. Some steps that a country, district, etc. could take to start at preventing sexual harassment is to educate the people on harassment and take stronger measures to prevent harassment within their land.

Belize says that they need to find a way to eliminate “Inequality of education, political representation and treatment in general” they are entirely correct as well. “There will always be

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abuse the we don't know about but we can try to stop what we do know about" says The Kingdom of Sweden. Many steps must be taken in order to acid the elimination of gender inequality completely and some countries must develop first. As the The Dominican Republic of Congo says, "Our country lives in poverty and would need to develop before we have enough resources to help the women suffering from these unfortunate problems". Let us hope that in the near future all the countries that have problems with inequality and sexual Harrasment have found ways to eliminate the problem if not fully then mostly.