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The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note No. UNW/2020/0002 dated 21 April 2020, inviting Governments of the Permanent Representatives to provide information in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions A/RES/73/148 on "Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment", A/RES/73/146 on "Trafficking in women and girls", and A/RES/73/149 on "Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilation".

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam has the further honour to enclose herewith submission of information from Brunei Darussalam.

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Inputs from Brunei Darussalam relating to the implementations of the General Assembly Resolutions (A/RES/73/148) - Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment; (A/RES/73/146) - Trafficking in women and girls; and (A/RES/73/149) - Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilation, covering the period 1 August 2018 to date.**

**(A/RES/73/148) - Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment**

<b>Subjects of Resolutions</b>	<b>Actions taken</b>
Measures to address <b>sexual harassment against women and girls</b> , as per resolution 73/148	Legislation in Brunei: Amendment on Sexual offences ( 2012 Amendment) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Voyeurism</li> <li>- Recording of Voyeurism</li> <li>- Possession/ taking / distributing / showing indecent photograph of a child (child pornography)</li> <li>- Sexual Grooming of a child under 16 years old</li> <li>- Causing a child under 16 years old to watch sexual act</li> </ul>
Impacts of the <b>COVID-19 outbreak in regards to violence against women and girls</b> and measures undertaken to address those in the short, medium and long-term, particularly in the following areas:  Impact on the nature and prevalence of violence against women and girls including violence in private and public spaces, and in online settings	Law enforcement agencies have taken immediate health measures handling the victim and suspect such as social distancing, using protective equipment and sanitization.
Adaptation of service delivery and prevention interventions to lockdowns and restricted movement	Women and Children Abuse Investigation Unit, Criminal Investigation Department, Royal Brunei Police Force are invited by Brunei Council on Social Welfare to join a Webinar on Preventing Violence Against Women and Promoting Gender Equality with other international agencies June 2020.  The webinar will subsequently promote awareness on violence against women and children and encourage victim to report their cases to the relevant authorities. In addition the victim will know what to do when violence happen in their household or community.
Use of technology and innovation in responding and preventing to violence against women and girls in the context of COVID-19	Reporting mechanisms of cases of sexual violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Royal Brunei Police Force has a hotline number 993 where report of violence can be lodged.</li> <li>- Department of Community Development (<i>Jabatan Pembangunan Masyarakat</i>) has a welfare helpline number 141 for public to report any suspects either perpetrator or victim so swift action can be taken and emergency assistance can be given. A new dedicated welfare helpline number 121 for public to report cases of abuse, neglect and bullying of children was launched in 2019.</li> </ul>