

In response to the request for input regarding resolution A/RES/73/148 on „Intensification of efforts to prevent and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment“, Bulgaria would like to provide the following information:

- Regarding online violence against women and children, the Cybercrime Department at the General Directorate for Combating Organized Crime under the Ministry of Interior offers a specially created platform ([www.cybercrime.bg](http://www.cybercrime.bg)), which victims can access from home and alert, indicating all circumstances of their situation. Signals of violence can also be submitted on the website of the Directorate: [www.gdbop.bg](http://www.gdbop.bg). In addition, the Penal Code criminalizes lewd acts with children and any sexual aggressions on minors including acts committed using information and communication technologies. These acts are defined in articles 155a and 159 of the Penal Code, and the punishment of imprisonment is in the range of 1 to 8 years.

- Bulgaria has adopted a National Action Plan, in accordance with our commitments within the “Call for Action on Protection from Gender-based Violence in Emergencies”.

- On March 19 2020, by Decision № 185 of the Council of Ministers a National Action Plan for Research, Peace and Security for the period 2020-2025 was adopted. The plan considers the fight against violence on women and girls, subject of resolution A / RES / 73/146 "Trafficking in women and girls". The plan comprises four sections: 1) Prevention; 2) Participation; 3) Protection; 4) Prioritization. The actions within these sections include the enhancement of the principles of equality between women and men in the peace and security process, enhancement of Bulgaria’s commitments in the prevention of sexual exploitation and violence in emergencies, etc. The Plan foresees the incorporation of the “Women, Peace and Security“ agenda into key strategic documents, including the Annual National Program for Prevention and Protection from Domestic Violence; Annual National Program for Prevention of Violence and Abuse of Children, the National Strategy for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings 2017 - 2021 and the Annual National Program for Prevention and counteraction of Trafficking in Human Beings and Protection of Victims.