

APPENDIX "FEMM-20"

political officials do not seem to realize the significance of sexual violence and of the threat it poses in the day-to-day lives of women.

(TRANSLATION)

The reality of sexual assault cannot be measured according to police statistics. In truth, only a slim proportion of all sexual assaults are reported to police. Research conducted by others shows that, in Canada, one in five women is sexually assaulted. In Quebec, it is approximately 15,000 women who are sexually assaulted.

**SEXUAL ASSAULT:
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

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As we have seen, our culture and society reflect our sex predetermines our roles as wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, etc. This has evolved a range of cultures in which we have acquired varying degrees of personal, collective, economic, political and physical power. The activities of men in society are far more numerous than those of women. This is the most obvious example of the imbalance between men and women. -

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