

Backgrounder

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOURTH WORLD CONFERENCE ON WOMEN

- Affirmation of the universality of women's human rights
- A strong action plan to prevent and eliminate violence against women
- Recognition of sexual violence and gender-related persecution as grounds for considering women as refugee claimants
- Recognition of the diversity of women and the barriers they face to full equality
- Affirmation of women's right to have control over their own sexuality, free from coercion, discrimination and violence and a reaffirmation of women's reproductive rights, including the right to control their own fertility
- Recognition that rape in conflict situations can constitute a war crime, a crime against humanity and in some cases genocide
- Recognition of the essential nature of women's unpaid work to the economy and the need to measure it
- A call for governments to integrate a gender analysis into all their policies and programs
- Affirmation of women's freedom of association and right to organize