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HUMAN RIGHTS IN ANGOLA

Issue 1: Domestic Violence

- ▶ Angola has made progress in recognizing and addressing domestic violence, accepting 18 recommendations to combat it. Despite these efforts, cultural norms, especially in rural areas, often justify domestic abuse, making it challenging for survivors to report incidents.

Recommendation for Domestic Violence

- ▶ 1. Launch nationwide campaigns targeting cultural norms that minimize gender-based violence, especially in rural communities.
- ▶ 2. Revise and enforce the Law Against Domestic Violence and the Family Code.
- ▶ 3. Enhance collaboration with NGOs and other bodies for data collection on domestic violence.

Issue 2: Sexual Harassment and Trafficking

- ▶ Angola received recommendations to adopt policies to prevent, combat, and criminalize all forms of gender-based violence. Despite progress, human trafficking remains a significant issue, with gaps in enforcement and victim support.

Recommendation for Sexual Harassment and Trafficking

- ▶ 1. Create programs for children subjected to commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor.
- ▶ 2. Allocate more resources to law enforcement and judiciary for effective investigations.
- ▶ 3. Strengthen anti-corruption measures within law enforcement and border control agencies.

Issue 3: Child Marriage and Polygamy

- ▶ Child marriage and polygamy remain prevalent in Angola. Despite recommendations, legislation has not changed significantly, and cases of abuse by religious leaders are reported.

Recommendation for Child Marriage and Polygamy

- ▶ 1. Enhance law enforcement mechanisms to prevent underage marriages.
- ▶ 2. Invest in education and economic empowerment initiatives for girls.

Issue 4: Gender Pay Gap

- ▶ The gender pay gap persists in Angola, with women earning significantly less than men. Despite the existence of laws promoting gender equality, enforcement remains weak, and women are underrepresented in leadership roles.

Recommendation for Gender Pay Gap

- ▶ 1. Implement programs encouraging women to enter higher-paying industries, such as oil and technology.
- ▶ 2. Enhance monitoring and enforcement of equal pay regulations.
- ▶ 3. Establish gender quotas in leadership positions to improve representation.

Conclusion

- ▶ Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach that includes legal reform, public awareness campaigns, and targeted programs. Through commitment and action, Angola can foster a safer and more equitable environment for all.