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Statement on International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2025

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women is observed on 25 November every year. On this day, the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) expresses deep concern over the persistence and escalation of violence against women and girls in all its forms. Of particular concern is the rapid rise of technology-facilitated violence, which continues to grow in scale and severity across Asia and the world.

The 2024 Report of the UN Secretary-General on Technology-Facilitated Violence Against Women and Girls highlights how rapid technological change has created new spaces for abuse. Women and girls are increasingly targeted through online harassment, image-based abuse, stalking, hate speech, deepfakes, and other digital violations that cause profound harm and often lead to real-world violence.

These forms of abuses are rooted in the same gender inequality and patriarchal systems that sustain physical and structural violence. Misogynistic content and harmful social norms online reinforce discrimination and normalise hatred against women, resulting in coercion, psychological trauma, and even femicide. Women in public life are particularly at risk, as are those facing multiple and intersecting forms of marginalisation on the basis of race, disability, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

CCA recognises that this crisis demands urgent and coordinated action. Governments must criminalise digital violence, strengthen privacy and data protection, and hold technology companies accountable for ensuring safe online environments. Technology platforms must take responsibility to prevent harm, introduce effective safeguards, remove abusive content, and operate with transparency and accountability.

At the same time, the response must go beyond laws and regulations to reach the moral and spiritual heart of society. CCA reaffirms the Church's vital role in raising awareness, challenging harmful norms, and speaking with moral authority against all forms of gender-based violence. Faith communities are called to offer safe spaces for survivors, extend pastoral and practical support, and advocate for lasting change that upholds women's rights and equality. The Church is called to walk alongside women and girls, naming violence as both sin and injustice, and nurturing relationships grounded in respect, equality, and love within its own communities and throughout society.

On this day, the Christian Conference of Asia renews its commitment to stand with survivors of technology-facilitated violence against women and girls, to speak truth with compassion, and work towards a world where every woman and girl can live free from fear, in safety, dignity, and the fullness of life, in both virtual and everyday realities.

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