The Role of the Office on Violence Against Women in Addressing Sexual Violence

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INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
- UN Security Council
- International Family Justice Center Conference in UK

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The UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which meets annually, is the principal UN body addressing international policies on crime. The past session in Vienna included a thematic debate focused on violence against women.
UN SECURITY COUNCIL

- On June 19, 2008, Secretary of State Rice chaired a thematic debate to address sexual violence against women and girls in conflict and post-conflict areas.
INTERNATIONAL FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE

International FJCs

- Canada - HomeFront, Waterloo and Durham Region, Ontario
- England - Croydon
- Mexico - Monterrey

US FJCs

- AK – Sitka
- AZ - Phoenix and Scottsdale
- CA - Alameda County, Anaheim, Fresno, Murrieta, Riverside, San Diego, San Jose, and San Marcos
- FL - Hillsborough County
- ID - Nampa
- IN - Indianapolis and St. Joseph County
- LA - New Orleans and Ouachita Parish
- MA - Boston
- MN - Minneapolis
- MO - St. Louis
- NM - Albuquerque and Las Vegas
- NY - Brooklyn and Erie County
- OH - Defiance
- OK - Tulsa
- TN – Knoxville
- TX - Irving, Parkland, San Antonio
- WA - Pierce County

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CONCLUSION

- Need for more discussion
- Need more training and collaboration
- Continued collaboration with both domestic and foreign partners
Impact from Security Council

“According to Amnesty International, one out of every three women in the world has been beaten, coerced into sex or otherwise abused in her lifetime. In the United States, a woman is raped every 6 minutes. In global conflicts and wars, rape is widespread - a tool of war.”

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice
June 19, 2008 UN Security Council Thematic Debate on Women, Peace and Security
United Nations, New York