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POSITION OF RUSSIA REGARDING RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE DRC



General information

According to constitution article 19 section 3, men and women are equal in rights and freedoms in the Russian Federation. Despite that, women still face some legal restrictions in Russia such as labor restrictions, women can not partake in jobs that can harm health and reproductive system, such as mining and a list of industrial jobs, which causes statistically a noticeable pay gap. Women can also not enlist into the military. Culturally, Russia promotes traditional family values. Domestic abuse is decriminalized in Russia with exceptions of severe cases. Women play an important role in the Russian economy. Women's retirement age is lower and they can retire even earlier if they give more than 3 births. Rights to abortions and maternity support are unrestricted. However, women are often underrepresented in executive positions and positions of power.

Position on the matter

The Russian Federation considers the DRC as a strategic partner, with bilateral relations tracing back to 1960, when the Soviet Union backed Congolese independence. In 2018 Russia and Congo ratified military and technological cooperation agreements, in 2023 relations were reaffirmed through high-level engagements such as Russia-Africa Summits. Russia has not voiced opinions

regarding DRC violations in regards to women's rights, as such matters are considered to be purely domestic by Moscow and are not touched due to the policy of non-interference. Russia criticizes UN efforts to politicize human rights questions by the Western Imperialism and believes the region should be stabilized first, with Congolese sovereignty respected.

Proposed solutions

Russia will heavily argue against any actions that could potentially question Congolese sovereignty in their domestic matters. Russia will be pushing such clauses into the draft resolution. Russia will also not accept condemnation of the DRC in any way or form. However, Russia will support clauses for the foreign aid to the DRC and will support broader programs such as education programs, and for broader female healthcare

Potential Blocks

Russia's broad position aligns with China, DRC, and non-interventionist African nations. In terms of pure interventionism, the position also aligns with Poland.

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