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High-Level Discussion on

ECONOMIC COST OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**co-hosted by H. E. Ms. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania,
and H. E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile,**

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Around 2 percent of the GDP. That is an estimated cost of gender-based violence worldwide. The direct costs of the health and justice systems, child and welfare support, as well as indirect costs, such as lost wages, productivity and potential, are just a part of what societies pay for violence against women. The High Level Discussion will address the economic impact of violence against women and share good practices on how measures aimed at combating violence against women could result in reduction of public expenditures and allow their use for sustainable development.

Introductory remarks

H. E. Ms. Dalia Grybauskaitė President of the Republic of Lithuania
H. E. Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria President of the Republic of Chile

Panelists

Ms. Lakshmi Puri Deputy Executive Director, UN Women
Dr. Nata Duvvury Co-Director, Global Women's Studies, National University of Ireland Galway
Ms. Jurgita Pečiūrienė Gender Expert, European Institute for Gender Equality

Participating Heads of State, Government and International Organizations

Ms. Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović President of the Republic of Croatia
Ms. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca President of the Republic of Malta
Ms. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia
Dr. Margaret Chan Director-General, World Health Organization
Dr. Jim Yong Kim President, World Bank Group
Mr. Angel Gurría Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
Ms. Patricia Janet Scotland Secretary General, the Commonwealth
Ms. Michaëlle Jean Secretary General, La Francophonie
Ms. Kristalina Georgieva Vice-President, European Commission

Concluding remarks

Ms. Laura A. Liswood Council of Women World Leaders
Ms. Silvana Koch-Mehrin Women in Parliaments Global Forum

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Time: **3.00 pm – 5.00 pm**

Venue: **Conference Room 7, UN HQ**

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