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2 **IN THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S COURT OF ACCOUNTABILITY**

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5 **WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE**) **Case No.: 2005-01**
6 **LITIGATION**) **Public Indictment**
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12 **THIS TRIBUNAL CHARGES**

13 That for generations, women have suffered physical and
14 psychological abuse throughout the world.

15 That such abuse has occurred in conflict and post-conflict
16 settings.

17 That the perpetrators of these acts have included private
18 and public actors, including military personnel and police
19 officials.
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22 That the abuse suffered by women has included the following
23 acts:
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25 1. murder;

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27 2. extermination, including but not limited to the
28 intentional infliction of conditions of life calculated to
29 bring about the destruction of part of a population;
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1 3. enslavement, including but not limited to the exercise
2 of any or all of the powers attaching to the right of
3 ownership over a person;

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5 4. deportation or forcible transfer of population;

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7 5. imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical
8 liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international
9 law;

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11 6. torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment
12 or punishment;

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14 7. sexual violence, including but not limited to rape,
15 sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy,
16 enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual
17 violence of comparable gravity;

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19 8. enforced disappearance, including but not limited to the
20 arrest, detention or abduction of persons;

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22 9. discrimination against women, including but not limited
23 to any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the
24 basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing
25 or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by
26 women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of
27 equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental
28 freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural,
29 civil, or any other field;

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31 10. other forms of discrimination and persecution,
32 including but not limited to systematic oppression and

1 domination by one national, ethnic, racial, or religious
2 group over any other group or groups;

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4 11. other inhumane acts of a similar character
5 intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to
6 body or to mental or physical health.

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8 That these acts have gone unpunished, either because states
9 have been unwilling or unable to prosecute the perpetrators.

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11 That these acts constitute violations of numerous
12 international agreements as well as customary international law,
13 including:

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15 1. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime
16 of Genocide

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18 2. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms
19 of Racial Discrimination

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21 3. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural
22 Rights

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24 4. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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26 5. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of
27 Discrimination against Women

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29 6. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination
30 of Discrimination against Women

1 7. Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in
2 Emergency and Armed Conflict

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4 8. Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women

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6 9. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or
7 Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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9 10. Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and
10 Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

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12 11. Convention on the Rights of the Child

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14 12. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of
15 the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and
16 Child Pornography

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18 13. Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of
19 the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

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21 14. International Convention on the Protection of the
22 Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

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24 15. Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in
25 Persons Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the
26 United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized
27 Crime

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29 16. Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of
30 Civilian Persons in Time of War

1 When far-reaching violations of international law occur,
2 people of conscience have a solemn responsibility to inquire
3 into the nature and scope of these acts.
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5 When perpetrators of such acts are not held accountable,
6 people of conscience have a solemn responsibility to seek
7 justice on behalf of victims.
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9 This Indictment is respectfully submitted to the Global
10 Women's Court of Accountability on behalf of women throughout
11 history and throughout the world who have suffered unspeakable
12 abuse.
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14 This Indictment is respectfully submitted in the hope that
15 the Global Women's Court of Accountability can address the
16 crimes mentioned herein and provide justice on behalf of all
17 victims.
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21 This 17th day of November 2005 in San Diego, California.
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