"My UNiTE to End Violence against Women campaign, and the Network of Men Leaders I launched last year, have generated welcome momentum and engagement. The word is spreading: violence against women and girls has no place in any society, and impunity for perpetrators must no longer be tolerated. On this International Day, I urge all – Governments, civil society, the corporate sector, individuals – to take responsibility for eradicating violence against women and girls."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon,
Message for the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

By resolution 54/134 of 17 December 1999, the United Nations General Assembly designated 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and invited governments, international organizations and NGOs to organize activities designed to raise public awareness of the problem on that day. Women's activists have marked 25 November as a day against violence since 1981. This date came from the brutal assassination in 1960, of the three Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic, on orders of Dominican ruler Rafael Trujillo (1930-1961).


Links:
- Message by the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
- UNiTE to End Violence against Women (Secretary-General’s campaign)
- Message from Under-Secretary-General and UN Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet
- Video: Observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women at UN Headquarters (webcast archive)
- Video: Press Conference on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
- Audio: Interview with UN Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information Kiyo Akasaka (mp3)
- Audio: Public service announcement - Message from Margot Wallström, UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict (mp3)
- Declaration by the High Representative, Catherine Ashton, on behalf of the European Union