

FIDA ROC (Taiwan)’s Advocacy Statement on “UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls”

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The international *Activism to End Gender-based Violence* campaign runs annually for 16 days, from the *International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women* on November 25 to *International Human Rights Day* on December 10. For 2025, the United Nations has designated the theme “**UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls,**” with orange as the campaign’s symbolic color—representing hope and freedom from violence.

The safety of women and girls in digital spaces has become an increasingly pressing concern. Under the initiative of FIDA International, the International Federation of Women Lawyers – Republic of China (FIDA ROC (Taiwan)) calls upon society to confront the reality that, while digital platforms have transformed our world, they have also enabled widespread misuse and abuse. Growing numbers of women and girls face online stalking, digital harassment, non-consensual sharing of images, and other forms of technology-facilitated violence. These acts violate human rights, inflict actual and lasting harm, and too often silence victims.

Digital violence is not an isolated issue. It affects families, communities, and society as a whole; deepens inequalities; restricts participation; and obstructs progress toward gender justice.

As part of this year’s advocacy efforts, FIDA ROC (Taiwan) urges all nations, all levels of government, institutions, and individuals to work together toward a culture grounded in empathy, respect, zero tolerance for online abuse, and strict accountability. We put forward the following actions:

1. Promote Lawful and Responsible Digital Awareness:

Monitor cases of digital violence against women and address misconceptions in a timely manner. Foster positive digital understanding, assist women in building self-protection awareness, and incorporate these issues into our Association's legal education initiatives. Strengthen society's resolve to reject digital violence, counter victim-blaming stereotypes, and advocate for effective protective mechanisms and raise awareness of gender respect.

2. Build a Safer Online Environment:

Call upon platform operators to assume responsibility by enforcing reporting mechanisms for unlawful conduct and to cooperate with society in creating an online environment that is peaceful, inclusive, diverse, friendly, fair, and just.

3. Advance Legal Reform and Policy Proposals:

Organize or co-organize seminars on legal challenges involving digital violence, invite experts to deliver keynote presentations, and propose timely law amendments. Increase regulatory rigor, impose heightened legal liability, ensure perpetrators do not receive leniency, and reinforce counseling and support measures for women victims.

4. Mobilize Advocacy Through Social Platforms:

Utilize various social media channels to promote the concept of "zero tolerance for digital violence," deepen awareness through online communication tools, and strengthen public understanding of women's rights and gender equality.