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**Women's rights are human rights**  
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In order to accede to acknowledge the meaning of equality between men and women people need an absolute awareness of the ways in which women are being discriminated nowadays. Women all over the world regularly go through abuse of their human rights and until 21st century violation of women's rights has not been considered a problem of greatest importance. Women confront discrimination in terms of their race, age, religion, nationality, socioeconomic status and the list could go on. These forms of discrimination must be taken into consideration when creating measures to fight the discrimination against women.

The recognition of equality between men and women began with the foundation of United Nations which proclaimed it among major human rights. Charter of United Nations aimed "to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, and in the equal rights of men and women". Moreover article 1 of the Charter details that one of the goals of United Nations is to get people to understand that we should appreciate human rights "without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion". The Universal Declaration of Human Rights used the terms "everyone" and "all human being" in order to show that there is no difference between men and women. The Universal Declaration was devoted to everyone with no exceptions. United Nations which was founded in 1945 and Universal Declaration of Human Rights which was adopted in 1948 were the first to confirm the equality between two sexes.

The concrete document that paid attention to the discrimination against women was the Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women adopted in 1967 by the United Nations Member States, which claims the violation of women's rights as an infraction against human decency. The Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women that was adopted by the General Assembly in 1979 reveals the nature of sex-based discrimination. The Convention covers civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The Convention also mentions specific ways of violating women's rights, for example trafficking.

One of the biggest social areas in which women's rights are not being appreciated enough is politics. Dating back, women had been banned out from any political process. Even after the foundation of United Nations a lot of countries that had ratified the Charter still did not allow women to take part in voting process. So one of the first callings of the Commission on the Status of Women was to write the Convention on the Political Rights for Women. Therefore women got a documented right to: vote in all elections and public referendums, to be eligible for election to all publicly elected bodies, to take part in the formation of government policy, to run public office and carry through all public functions, to be a participant in non-governmental organizations. Though almost every country had accepted the right of women to vote, some of the authorities still managed to make it impossible: the absence of free elections and sufficient security led to affecting women. Some countries did not provide enough possibilities for women to vote because voting required the existence of birth certificates which were given only to men. Women were violated in terms of their rights just because it was a traditional way of treating them.

It is not only political sphere of life that makes women feel less of a human: women are being discriminated almost in every field of social life. It is the different size of salary for doing

the exact same job; it is the stereotype that only women have to do household chores but that does not free them from working; it is also the rape situation and there are millions of other examples. It is extremely important to stop the discrimination against women, stop treating them with such disregard and let their voices be heard.

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