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## ADDRESSING GENDER-BASED DISCRIMINATION IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

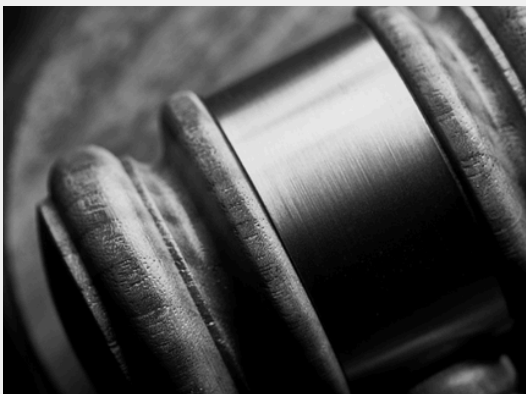
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### What is gender-based discrimination in the criminal justice system?

It is essential to create a diverse criminal justice workforce and offer full instructions on fairness, prevention of gender-based violence, and gender-specific policy to help mitigate discrimination and gender-based policing.

### What's going on?

Due to discriminatory experiences, the number of female suspects and inmates in the judicial system has been rising. This has been worsened by the concentration from the desires of the male offenders—a process known as "gender bias."



### What do delegates propose for this arising issue?

Several delegations have been interviewed and highlighted their proposals, indicating their perspectives and ideas.

“We are working on key legislations, for example the Maria de Penha in 2006 or the femicide law in 2015” – Delegate of Brazil

“International organizations like the UN could take charge of these cases” and “sending an international judge to take care of the situation.” – Delegation of Pakistan

Though some delegations believe that instead of resolving such issues internationally, it should instead be done nationally.

“The delegation of USA believes that the gender discrimination issue is an international issue and acts upon resolving it not on a global scale, but more on a national scale.”

## How can their proposals help?

As mentioned above by the delegation of Brazil, some laws may be implemented to help cases such as the Maria de Penha case in 2006. There has also been a case where, “A 2012 Public Defender's Office study revealed 3.5 million invasive searches in São Paulo, with drugs and cellular phones found in only 0.02% of cases.” The delegation's suggestion helps to solve this issue.



## In conclusion

In the last few years, there has been an increase in the violation and bias of gender in the judicial system. Many delegates have proven this point and stated it as a fact, for example the Delegation of Pakistan. The delegates even proposed possible ideas on how to eliminate this injustice. “The government would promote these legislations to ensure that they would be followed” – Delegation of Brazil.

