

Text for introduction of the booklet on the first conference organized by Project Five-O members in New York at the release of the UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Women:

A Road Map for a Conference on Violence Against Women

Project Five-O is working together throughout the world to call attention to violence against women. In 2006 the UN Secretary General published a Study, documenting the situation and calling for member states of the UN to take action. The publication was followed by a UN General Assembly resolution later that year, and by further action in the UN system. In February 2008 UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon announced a strategic program to eliminate such violence.

This booklet outlines the first conference organized by Project Five-O members in New York at the time of the Study's release. It provides a useful guideline for conducting similar conferences and meetings, and has been used throughout the world by Five-O members to organize around this issue. We encourage you to download it and to use it well.

We pledge to do our best to join the Secretary General in calling for an end to violence against women. Development is not possible unless we succeed.