

## **ABSTRACT – RESUMÉ**

### **Mezinárodněprávní aspekty násilí na ženách**

#### **The international legal aspects of the violence against women**

The main purpose of my thesis is to describe basic legal instruments which regulates area of violence against women and analyse a development of a legal regulation adopted by regions and whole international community. Minor purpose of this thesis is to evaluate possible connection between violence against women and religion. Violence against women is still everyday problem in each part of the world.

The thesis is composed of six principal chapters. Chapter one describes basic forms of violence against women which are determined by Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, since 1993. The Declaration defines Violence against Women as „any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.“

Chapter two presents several areas which are specific for the violence against women and also demonstrates basic legislations adopted in each area. These areas are international humanitarian law, which includes Geneva Conventions and general section of human rights including women rights. In this general section, the key legislation is Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and other acts of soft law, where the key role in matter of Violence against Women represents Beijing Declaration and Platform for the Action, which was adopted in 1995.

Chapter three is about regional organizations and their efforts to prevent and eliminate violence against women. Described are African Union, European Union and Council of Europe.

Chapter four describes Beijing Declaration and Platform for the Action, basic challenges and critical areas, which were indicated and promised to be fulfilled by states in future. Also this chapter shows, in second part, how much the regions succeeded in fulfilling the Platform. This is based on Region's Reviews Beijing +20

Chapter five evaluates situations in regions and around the whole world. Also judges the influence of religions on concrete types of violence and specifics of every region.

Last chapter introduces the main religion rules regarding women's status in the most widespread religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Hinduism. The main attention is targeted to Islam and Islamic law – sharia and its influence on violence against women.

In spite of focusing generally to acts of soft law, the thesis provides new and actual view into current situation on the field of Violence against Women, which is very often conditional to local religion, especially in areas with application of sharia law. Concerning the actual situation in many countries, where is ongoing armed conflict, Violence against Women will be still an existing phenomenon.