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The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note No. UNW/2020/0002 dated 21 April 2020, inviting Governments of the Permanent Representatives to provide information in accordance with the General Assembly resolutions A/RES/73/148 on "Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls: sexual harassment", A/RES/73/146 on "Trafficking in women and girls", and A/RES/73/149 on "Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilation".

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam has the further honour to enclose herewith submission of information from Brunei Darussalam.

The Permanent Mission of Brunei Darussalam to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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<p>Impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak in regards to trafficking in women and girls, and measures undertaken to address those in the short, medium and long-term, particularly in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact in risks for trafficking in women and girls</li> <li>• Adaptation of service delivery to victims and survivors</li> </ul>	<p>Due to the recent pandemic, law enforcement that are involved with detection and investigation of TIP cases are equipped with the necessary protection such as sanitation materials and protective equipment during screening as well as handling of potential TIP victims.</p> <p>All identified victims of TIP that are tested positive of COVID-19 will be placed in the National Isolation Centre (NIC) for treatment. Upon finishing their treatment, recovered victims will be put in government shelter until case is concluded.</p>
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***(A/RES/73/149) - Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilation***

Female genital mutilation can be charged under section 320 of the Penal Code (Chapter 22) as an offence of causing grievous hurt, which is punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 10 years and whipping. Under section 320, "grievous hurt" includes privation of any member, and any hurt which endangers life, or which causes the sufferer to be during the space of 20 days in severe bodily pain, or unable to follow his ordinary pursuits.