sphere of the family, and that domestic violence is a violation of human rights; the adoption by the General Assembly of the Draft Declaration on the Prohibition of Violence Against Women; the establishment of a Special Rapporteur with a broad mandate to investigate violations of women’s human rights.

Florence then added:

The courage of these women will inspire many other women to speak out and to demand their human rights, and will encourage others to work for vindication. The voices of these women have broken the silence. Their appeal to the world must be heard. It must be redressed.

Since the Tribunal three of the recommendations have been realized. In December 1993 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women. In March 1994 the United Nations Commission on Human Rights agreed to the appointment of a Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, Radhika Coomaraswamy of Sri Lanka. And, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights has adopted a resolution calling for the full integration of women’s rights into the work of all human rights monitoring mechanisms.

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