A LUCKY WOMAN

I am really a lucky woman.

I was born 53 years ago in Spain, a European Country.

I am a lucky woman because when I was a child I played with dollies instead of having to work out and being married to an unknown man.

I am a lucky woman because when I was 7 I had my First Communion and my parents organised a big party instead of suffering ablation.

I am a lucky woman because when I was 18 I went to University to study Veterinary medicine instead of having a lot of children, giving birth in poor conditions.

I am a lucky woman because when I was 35 I had a good job and decided to have my only child instead of suffering beatings or being repudiated as a widow or suffering from AIDS.

It is unfortunately true that in my life I have suffered sexual harassment and gone through social discrimination. I have been earning 30% less than a man doing the same job. I have been doing the housework as well as my work. However, I am a lucky woman because thousands of women have been raped and assassinated in my Country and I am still alive.

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