

A strong focus on The Istanbul Convention of the Council of Europe

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Notes that

- the level of violence against women is at totally unacceptable levels throughout the world, including, but not limited to, domestic violence, female mutilation, “honour” killings and stalking;
- the Istanbul Convention of the Council of Europe on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence entered into force on 1 August 2014;
- to date, 14 Member States of the Council of Europe have ratified this new human rights treaty and another 22 states have signed it;
- the convention creates a blueprint for a coordinated, victim-centered approach to combating all forms of violence against women and domestic violence;
- governments that agree to be bound by the Convention will have to do the following: train professionals in close contact with victims; regularly run awareness-raising campaigns; take steps to include issues such as gender equality and non-violent conflict resolution in interpersonal relationships in teaching material; set up treatment programmes for perpetrators of domestic violence and for sex offenders; work closely with NGOs; involve their sub-state levels of government, as well as media;
- and the private sector in eradicating gender stereotypes and promoting mutual respect;

Calls on

- the European Union to ratify the Istanbul Convention and to ensure implementation in all member states;
- every member state to prioritise and take all necessary actions on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention by national, regional and local governments, as combatting violence against women is fundamental for any civilised society.

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