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WITH **SCREAMS**
AND **MUST NEVER**
END IN **SILENCE**

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VIOLENCE

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THE COST OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Too expensive to take measures proposed by the Council of Europe Convention to prevent violence, protect victims and prosecute perpetrators? Have a look at what violence against women may cost:

- ▶ Council of Europe: estimated total annual cost of violence against women in the member states could be as high as **€34 billion** per country
- ▶ EU: Domestic violence costs in the EU 25 totalled **€16 billion** for 2006 or **€33 per capita** and **€1 million every half hour**
- ▶ United Kingdom: Cost of domestic violence estimated at **€34 billion** in 2004
- ▶ Denmark: Violence against women including domestic violence costs the Danish society approximately **€70 million** each year
- ▶ Switzerland: the cost of domestic violence totalled **€260 million** in 1999
- ▶ Netherlands: domestic violence against women by a partner estimated at **€151 million** in 1997
- ▶ France: The total cost of intimate partner violence in France estimated at **€2.5 billion per year** in 2009
- ▶ Finland: the cost of violence against women with focus on partner violence estimated at **€101 million** for 1998
- ▶ Andalucía (Spain): Domestic violence against women by partners or ex-partners has an annual cost of **€2.356,8 million**.
- ▶ Sweden: Violence against women was estimated at between **€302 million** and **€370 million a year** for 2004.
- ▶ United States: The costs of intimate partner rape, physical assault, and stalking exceed **\$5.8 billion each year**, nearly **\$4.1 billion** of which is for direct medical and mental health care services
- ▶ Australia: **AUS\$13.6 billion** in 2009 for violence against women and their children.
- ▶ Canada: Total annual estimated costs of selected public- and private-sector expenditures attributable to violence were **\$13,162.39 per woman**; this translates to a national annual cost of **\$6.9 billion** for women aged 19–65 who have left abusive partners; **\$3.1 billion** for those experiencing violence within the past three years.

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