



STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE ISTANBUL CONVENTION A TOOL TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

What change will the Convention bring to women's lives?

When ratifying the Convention, states have an obligation to change their laws, introduce practical measures and allocate resources to create a zero tolerance zone for violence against women and domestic violence. More concretely, the Convention asks the states to:

■ Provide safety and support for victims to rebuild their lives:

- ▶ free national telephone helpline
- ▶ shelters in sufficient numbers
- ▶ medical, psychological and legal counselling
- ▶ help with housing and financial issues
- ▶ support in finding employment

■ Protect victims at risk by introducing:

- ▶ emergency barring orders
- ▶ restraining and protection orders
- ▶ risk assessment and risk management

■ Invest in preventive measures to:

- ▶ tackle the root problem of violence against women – inequality and discrimination
- ▶ change attitudes, gender roles and stereotypes including through and in partnerships with the media and the private sector
- ▶ empower women
- ▶ involve men and boys
- ▶ support NGOs and their work at the service of victims of violence

Support the ratification of the Istanbul Convention!

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