TURKEY, STOP SEXUAL VIOLENCE
IMPLEMENT THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

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ISTANBUL CONVENTION

Convention on Preventing and Combatting Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

In effect since August 1st, 2014

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An international convention called Istanbul Convention, due to its first opening for signatures in Istanbul.

Turkey signed the Convention in May 2011, without reservations, thus accepting all its obligations under the Convention.

Turkey is the first country to sign and ratify the Convention.

4 important steps for a holistic combat against VAW:
1) Prevent
2) Protect
3) Prosecute
4) Policy Making

The Convention is open to ratifications of all countries upon invitation from the Council of Europe.

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Why is the Convention significant

- Emphasizes that VAW is a result of gender inequality and that violence can only be prevented by establishing equality.

- The Convention brings many obligations to the party states to end male violence, take precautions against violence, compensating for the damages inflicted upon victims and prosecuting the violence perpetrators in accordance with the severity of the crime.

- The 4th article of the Convention titles “Fundamental Rights, Equality and Nondiscrimination” clearly states that no discrimination can be made due to gender, sexual orientation and gender identity.

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Convention is great, what about implementation?

What is the state of implementation of the Convention by Turkey, who has been very eager to be the first ratifier?

It has been 3.5 years (May 2011) since Turkey signed and 3 years (November 2011) since ratified the Convention.

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Because Turkey did not put in place the necessary prevention, protection and prosecution mechanisms the incidences of violence increased even after the ratification of the Convention:

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We call onto the Government and the Parliament for the Implementation of the Istanbul Convention

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1. **According to the Convention**

   Party States are obligated to protect women from all forms of violence and prevent, prosecute and eliminate VAW and domestic violence.

   **Current situation**

   In 2013, 7 women have been killed because the protection order was not granted even though they applied for it, and 18 women were killed while under the protection order. In the first 6 months of 2014, 11 women were killed in spite of the protection order in place.

   Also, violence incidents against LGBTI individuals have increased in 2013. In the last 4 years, only 41 of the hate crimes against LGBTI’s have been recorded.

   > Turkey is the country where the most number of trans murders take place in Europe.

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2. **According to the Convention**

   Male violence against women should be stopped at any cost

   **Current policy of the Family and Social Policy Ministry**

   Protect, empower and prevent the dissolution of family at any cost

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5. According to the Convention
All legislative and other measures should be taken to ensure the criminalization of sexual violence acts, including rape. (Article 36)

Current situation
Men have raped 78 women and girl children in the first 9 months of 2014.

6. According to the Convention
All verbal, non-verbal and physical sexual harassment should be subject to criminal or other legal sanctions. (Article 36)

Current situation
Men have sexually harassed 89 women and girl children in the first 9 months of 2014.
ONE DAY ONE STRUGGLE

This info-graphic has been prepared as a part of the One Day One Struggle Campaign of Coalition on Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), by Kaos GL Association, Lambdaistanbul LGBTİ Solidarity Association and Women for Women’s Human Rights – New Ways Association. Every year, on November 9th, the 27 members of CSBR from 12 different countries work towards one struggle through simultaneous campaigns: sexual and bodily rights are universal human rights! For more information on One Day One Struggle Campaign: http://www.csbronline.org/odos/about/

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