

Attachment 7c

International Alliance of Women

ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS Action Program 2018-2020

Strategy

Enact and/or reinforce legislation and monitor its implementation. Promote programs of action and other measures to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls in all its forms, at national, regional and international levels.

Actions:

- Work for the implementation of CEDAW taking into consideration GR 19 and GR 35 adopted by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.
- Work to promote the ratification and implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating VAW and domestic violence. Submit shadow reports to Grevio.
- Work for the elimination of violence against women and girls in all its forms in public and private spaces including harassment in the workplace, sexual harassment, sexual and gender based violence, domestic violence, trafficking in persons and femicide as well as harmful practices such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation, recognizing that these are major obstacles to the realization of women's human rights.
- Lobby governments for the adoption and/or enforcement of legislation against VAW including against State agents who commit acts of violence against women and girls. Monitor the impact of this legislation on the elimination of VAW and channel information to shadow reports.
- Lobby governments for the establishment or strengthening of complaints mechanisms which allow women and girls to report and file charges against perpetrators of VAW in a confidential environment. Evaluate the results and channel information to shadow reports.
- Support victims of VAW to obtain justice and to have access to just and effective remedies.
- Lobby governments for shelters and relief support to women and girls subjected to VAW as well as for medical, psychological and other counselling services including free legal aid. Monitor the situation and channel this information to shadow reports.
- Lobby governments for the creation of training programs on VAW for judicial, legal, medical, social, educational and police personnel. Evaluate the impact of the training on progress achieved in the elimination of VAW and channel the results to shadow reports.
- Lobby governments to adopt special measures against VAW for women and girls in vulnerable situations (young, refugees, displaced, migrant, disabled, etc.). Monitor the impact of these measures and channel information to shadow reports.
- Raise awareness of the health and socio-economic impact of VAW, especially in mass media.
- Participate in campaigns at the national, regional and international level that inform and educate the public concerning VAW.
- Work with the media for the promotion of non-stereotyped images of women and girls and for informing the public about the causes and effects of VAW. Evaluate the impact of these measures and channel this information to shadow reports.

- Advocate against the violation of the human rights of women in situations of armed conflict, in particular murder, systematic rape, sexual slavery and forced pregnancy.
- Help men and boys to engage fully as agents and beneficiaries of change with the aim to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls in both public and private spheres. Inform men and boys on the root causes of gender inequality such as unequal power relations, gender stereotypes and negative social norms.
- Cooperate with the UN special rapporteur on VAW and contribute to its work.
- Lobby governments to ratify the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. Advocate for governments to reduce the vulnerability of women and girls to modern slavery and exploitation. Lobby governments to enhance international cooperation in order to eliminate the demand which fosters all forms of exploitation including sexual exploitation and forced labour.
- Advocate for the provision of programs to heal and rehabilitate into society victims of trafficking through job training, legal assistance and confidential healthcare.
- Ask governments to collect data on the prevalence of different forms of violence in particular harmful practices and new forms of violence like cyber stalking, online trolling, ISIS instigated violence against women and girls, femicide and channel this information to shadow reports. Lobby governments for the implementation of measures to eliminate them.
- Lobby governments to fund NGOs that work to eliminate VAW.