



International Alliance of Women Alliance Internationale des Femmes

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Sample letters to Governments and members of Parliament to ratify the Istanbul Convention

1) To: Head of Government or Minister of Justice OR/AND

2) To: Parliamentarians

Subject: Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, also known as the Istanbul Convention

Location & Date, (...)

Letter 1) Excellency *OR*

Letter 2) Dear Mr, Ms, Mrs

In 2011 the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO) was adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe.

Your Government has signed, but not yet ratified this Convention *OR*
Your Government has not yet signed or ratified this Convention.

This Convention provides a comprehensive framework to prevent violence against women, to prosecute the perpetrators and to set up a wide range of measures to assist the victims and to address the scourge. A monitoring mechanism is included.

It needs to be ratified by 10 states to enter into force. Only (...) states have ratified. (*www.coe.int for the update, yet only 5 States have ratified*)

On behalf of (My Organisation) I am asking you

Letter 1) to ratify

Letter 2) to promote the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence as soon as possible and without reservations and also to adapt your national legislation as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

(...)