

Working Group on preventing and combating violence against women, domestic violence and trafficking in human beings

within the Human Rights Committee of the INGO Conference

By taking into account

that preventing violence against women and trafficking in human beings are priority subjects for the Council of Europe for the coming years, as decided by the Committee of Ministers and shown by the establishment of a Division on Violence against Women and another on Trafficking in Human Beings within the Human Rights and Rule of Law Directorate General;

the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, 2011 (CETS 210);

the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, 2005 (CETS 197);

that the Parliamentary Assembly established a Network of Contact Parliamentarians committed to combating violence against women;

that in PACE Resolution 1861 (2012) "Promoting the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence" the Parliamentary Assembly " encourages NGO's to pursue their work to promote the signature and ratification of the convention and resolves to work in close co-operation with them";

the INGO Conference's continuous involvement with this subject: in the 2005-2008 Campaign activities and in the drafting process of CAHTEH and CAHVIO;

that violence against women and domestic violence as well as trafficking in human beings take place in all member States in all kinds of ways and are recognised as human rights violations;

the fact that as of today only one member State has ratified the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence ;

that the INGO Conference has decided to continue to work together with the Committee of Ministers, the PACE and the Monitoring bodies GRETA and GREVIO to prevent and combat these human rights violations.

Objectives

1. Promoting the ratification of the two Conventions
2. Following and contributing to the PACE Network of Contact Parliamentarians
3. Following and contributing to the work of the concerned Divisions
4. Following and contributing to the monitoring bodies GRETA AND GREVIO
5. Thematic work on specific issues concerning the two Conventions to be decided by the working group.

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