The Istanbul Convention is based on four pillars:

- **PREVENTION**
- **PROTECTION**
- **PROSECUTION**
- **CO-ORDINATED POLICIES**

**PREVENTION**

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to take the following measures:

- Training of professionals
- Participation of media and private sector
- Role of men and boys
- Awareness-raising campaigns
- Programmes for perpetrators
- Education in non-violence and equality between women and men
- Promoting women’s empowerment
- Challenging gender stereotypes

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**PROTECTION**

The safety and needs of victims and witnesses must be at the heart of all protective measures adopted by a country. Their rights include:

- **Rights and needs of child witnesses**
- **Information on their rights**
- **Free telephone helplines 24/7**
- **Support services**
- **Safe custody and visitation rights for children**
- **Regional and international complaint mechanisms**
- **Protection or restraining orders**
- **Shelters**
- **Emergency barring orders**
- **Reporting violence to authorities**
- **Rape crisis or sexual violence centres**
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PROSECUTION

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to ensure:

- Disuasive sanctions for perpetrators
- Effective police investigation
- Effective public prosecution
- Legislation criminalising violence against women
- Consideration of aggravating circumstances
- Victims protection during investigation and judicial proceedings
- Protection of child victims and witnesses
- Victims right to information and support
- Co-ordinated risk assessments
- Victims right to privacy
- No victim-blaming
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If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to undertake the following actions:

1. **Research and Data Collection**
2. **Inter-agency Co-operation**
3. **Whole Societal Response**
4. **Support and Work with Civil Society and NGOs**
5. **Comprehensive Legislation and Gender-sensitive Policies**
6. **Coordinate Action and Monitor Implementation**
7. **Funding for Policies and Support Services**
8. **Human Rights-based Policies**