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

- **Prevention**
  - 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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**PREVENTION**

**PROTECTION**

**PROSECUTION**

**CO-ORDINATED POLICIES**

**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**
PROSECUTION

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

- Dissuasive 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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CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

If a country has ratified the Istanbul Convention, it will have to undertake the following actions:

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

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. **CO-ORDINATE ACTION AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION**
7. **FUNDING FOR POLICIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES**
8. **HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED POLICIES**