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- 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
  - Shelters
  - Protection or restraining orders
  - Emergency barring orders
  - Reporting violence to authorities
  - Rape crisis or sexual violence centres
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**PREVENTION**
- Legislation criminalising violence against women

**PROTECTION**
- Victims protection during investigation and judicial proceedings
- Victims right to information and support
- Victims right to privacy
- No victim-blaming

**PROSECUTION**
- Effective police investigation
- Effective public prosecution
- Consideration of aggravating circumstances
- Prosecution of child victims and witnesses
- Co-ordinated risk assessments

**CO-ORDINATED POLICIES**
- Disuasive sanctions for perpetrators
- Law enforcement and judicial proceedings

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### CO-ORDINATED POLICIES

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

- RESEARCH AND DATA COLLECTION
- INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION
- WHOLE SOCIETAL RESPONSE
- SUPPORT AND WORK WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND NGOS
- COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION AND GENDER-SENSITIVE POLICIES
- CO-ORDINATE ACTION AND MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION
- FUNDING FOR POLICIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES
- HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED POLICIES

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