



Recommendation 1709 (2005)¹

Disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to [Resolution 1454 \(2005\)](#) on the disappearance and murder of a great number of women and girls in Mexico.

2. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers set up a co-operation and assistance programme with its observer state, Mexico, possibly financed by voluntary contributions, in order to :

promote judicial and prosecutorial reform (promoting, for example, equality of treatment with regard to the prosecution/accused; preventing torture and efficiently investigating allegations of torture and ensuring an effective investigation of crimes while respecting the rights of the victims and the defendants) ;

promote a culture of respect for human rights and the equality of women and men (for example, campaigning against domestic violence and other forms of violence against women, while ensuring equal participation of women and men in decision making and fighting discrimination against women).

3. The Assembly recommends that the Committee of Ministers, in the framework of this co-operation and assistance programme, take some specific measures, including :

organising exchange and training programmes in the area of human rights and gender sensitivity for Mexican prosecutors, members of the judicial police and forensic experts ;

offering legislative expertise in key areas, such as legislation on “femicides” and domestic violence ;

helping to finance :

a. *shelters for victims of domestic violence and the training of their staff ;*

b. *equipment for the new forensic laboratory to be established in Ciudad Juárez.*

1. Assembly debate on 21 June 2005 (19th Sitting) (see [Doc. 10551](#), report of the Committee on Equal Opportunities for Women and Men, rapporteur : Mrs Vermot-Mangold). Text adopted by the Assembly on 21 June 2005 (19th Sitting).

