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Call on Kazakhstan to ratify and implement the Istanbul Convention

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We, the undersigned, declare the following:

Emphasising Kazakhstan's dedication to democratic reforms, human rights and measures strengthening gender equality, we underscore the correlation between the decree of 8 December 2023 in Kazakhstan and the decisions of the 4th Summit of the Council of Europe in Reykjavík. This decree confirms Kazakhstan's commitment to democratic principles, particularly to strengthening gender equality and combating domestic violence.

Kazakhstan authorities' unwavering attention to combating domestic violence and violence against women is evident in their consistent emphasis on the matter in various addresses, including at the General Debate of the 78th Session of the UN General Assembly.

In view of these considerations and the approaching 10th anniversary of the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CETS No. 210, "Istanbul Convention") in 2024, we call on Kazakhstan to promptly ratify and implement this convention.

We also urge stronger political support for a communication campaign about the Istanbul Convention in Kazakh and Russian languages, in view of the prevalence of misleading information on the internet and social media.

We strongly urge Kazakhstan to join the Istanbul Convention before April 2025.

Signed (see overleaf)



Signed¹:

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