

Amendment 1

María Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Yana Toom
on behalf of the Renew Group

Report**A9-0021/2023****Łukasz Kohut, Arba Kokalari**

Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence: EU accession
(2016/0062R(NLE))

Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 4***Motion for a resolution*

4. Strongly condemns all forms of gender-based violence against women and girls and against LGBTIQ+ persons; strongly affirms that the denial of sexual and reproductive health services and rights including the right to safe and legal abortion, is a form of violence against women and girls; reiterates that women and girls must have full control over their bodies and sexualities; calls on all Member States to guarantee universal access for all to a full range of sexual and reproductive health services, including comprehensive age-appropriate sexual education, family planning, modern contraceptive methods, and the right to safe and legal abortion;

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its call to include the right to safe and legal abortion in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights; calls on all Member States to guarantee universal access for all to a full range of sexual and reproductive health services, including comprehensive age-appropriate sexual education, family planning, modern contraceptive methods, and the right to safe and legal abortion;

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Amendment 2**Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Yana Toom**

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 25***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

25. Recalls that the EU's accession to the Istanbul Convention does not exempt Member States from national ratification of the Convention; points out that while all Member States have already signed the Istanbul Convention, six have not yet ratified it, namely Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia; condemns the backlash against gender equality, women's rights and the Istanbul Convention in some Member States, for example in Poland, where the Prime Minister requested an examination of the constitutionality of the Convention before the Constitutional Tribunal; strongly condemns the attempt to denounce the Istanbul Convention by submitting a formal request to work on the withdrawal of the Convention by the Minister of Justice in Poland; calls on national authorities to fight against disinformation and launch awareness campaigns to dispel all doubts about the Convention and its benefits for society as a whole; underlines that the EU's accession to the Istanbul Convention does not exempt Member States from national ratification and thus urges the remaining six Member States that have not already done so, to ratify the Convention without delay; strongly condemns any attempt by Member States

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Amendment 3**Maria Soraya Rodríguez Ramos, Yana Toom**

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Motion for a resolution**Paragraph 34***Motion for a resolution**Amendment*

34. Recognises the pivotal role of and incredible amount of work performed by civil society organisations, in particular women's and other human rights organisations, including **organisations** working **for minority** groups' **rights**, in preventing and combating violence against women and girls and other forms of gender-based violence, and their efforts to provide assistance to the victims of gender-based violence; calls on the Member States and the Commission to support these activities by providing sufficient reliable, and sustainable human and long-term financial resources, including through the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme in order to support civil society actors providing support to victims of gender-based violence, working to eradicate gender-based violence, and to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, as well as the specific services helping victims, particularly regarding access to justice and specialised shelters as referred to in the Istanbul Convention explanatory report and the GREVIO mid-term horizontal review;

34. Recognises the pivotal role of and incredible amount of work performed by civil society organisations, in particular women's and other human rights organisations, including **those** working **on protecting the rights of women belonging to minorities and other vulnerable** groups, in preventing and combating violence against women and girls and other forms of gender-based violence, and their efforts to provide assistance to the victims of gender-based violence; calls on the Member States and the Commission to support these activities by providing sufficient reliable, and sustainable human and long-term financial resources, including through the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme in order to support civil society actors providing support to victims of gender-based violence, working to eradicate gender-based violence, and to prevent and combat violence against women and domestic violence, as well as the specific services helping victims, particularly regarding access to justice and specialised shelters as referred to in the Istanbul Convention explanatory report and the GREVIO mid-term horizontal review;

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