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THE ELIMINATION AND PREVENTION OF ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

EIGHT ACTIONS MPS CAN TAKE TO STRENGTHEN IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL AND POLICY FRAMEWORKS AND ACCOUNTABILITY¹

- 1) Consider ratifying or acceding to, as a particular matter of priority, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child and their respective Optional Protocols, ..., and implement them fully by, inter alia, putting in place effective national legislation and policies;
- 2) Protection of victims and survivors to combat violence against women and girls;
- 3) Adopt, as appropriate, review, and ensure the accelerated and effective implementation of laws and comprehensive measures that criminalize violence against women and girls, and that provide for multidisciplinary and gender-sensitive preventive and protective measures;
- 4) Address and eliminate as a matter of priority domestic violence through adopting, strengthening and implementing legislation that prohibits such violence, prescribes punitive measures and establishes adequate legal protection against such violence;
- 5) Strengthen national legislation, where appropriate, to punish violent gender-related killings of women and girls and integrate specific mechanisms or policies to prevent, investigate and eradicate such deplorable forms of gender-based violence
- 6) Ensure women's and girls' unimpeded access to justice and to effective legal assistance;
- 7) Review and where appropriate, revise, amend or abolish all laws, regulations, policies, practices and customs that discriminate against women or have a discriminatory impact on women;
- 8) Mainstream a gender perspective into all legislation, policies and programmes and allocate adequate financial and human resources, including through the expanded use of gender-responsive planning and budgeting.

¹ Disclaimer: this is only a brief list of eight actions Member States have been urged to take on this year's priority theme. They constitute a small portion of all the important information contained in the Commission on the Status of Women's Agreed Conclusions. For more information, please refer to the Agreed Conclusions: http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/csw57/CSW57_agreed_conclusions_advance_unedited_version_18_March_2013.pdf