

Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Dear Jenny

Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence

You will be aware that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee is responsible for monitoring the implementation of non-trade international agreements in the Sixth Senedd.

During our meeting on 6 June 2022 we considered the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence.

The Convention aims to protect women against all forms of violence, and to prevent, prosecute and eliminate violence against women and girls through the creation of a wide-ranging legal framework. The Convention defines 'violence against women' and 'domestic violence' and places obligations on parties to take a coordinated and coherent approach to tackling these crimes.

During our consideration we agreed to draw the Convention's ratification to the attention of your Committee, in light of your inquiry into violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Our latest report is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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