



Why It Matters: The Istanbul Convention

**SAFE
FROM FEAR
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FROM
VIOLENCE**

Council of Europe Convention
on preventing and combating
violence against women
and domestic violence CETS No. 210

**PREVENT...
PROTECT...
PROSECUTE...
MONITOR...**

Did you know that...?

- More than **1 in 10** girls worldwide have experienced forced sexual activity?
- Over **130 million** women have experienced female genital mutilation (FGM)?
- Worldwide, more than **700 million** women alive today were married as children?

*According to UN Women

***Do you want to live in a world like this?
#1in10neveragain***

Called by **UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka** as "the most comprehensive international legally binding instrument on violence against women and domestic violence", the **Istanbul Convention** will improve the lives of millions of people, including women, men, children, and the elderly.

Created by the **Council of Europe**, the Istanbul Convention has been ratified by **18 of the 47** member states of the Council of Europe but this is not enough. We need *your* help and support as liberal politicians to advance the legal status of this vital piece of legislation across the world.

Liberal International has launched the **Istanbul Convention Campaign** in honour of the **20th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action**. We aim to encourage liberal leaders & parliamentarians across Europe and the larger global community to lend their support and positions of power. Become a part of this important campaign and declare **#1in10neveragain**.

*To learn more about the Istanbul Convention Campaign and how to get involved, download our Campaign Action Pack