



Dear Mister President,  
Dear Madam President,

The Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union has the pleasure to invite you to the Conference on "Violence against women" co-organised with the European Commission and to be held on 25 and 26 November.

Violence against women is a criminal act that still exists in Europe which holds severe consequences and, despite its prevalence, is often under-recognised. Therefore, the Belgian Presidency and the European Commission are committed to fighting all forms of violence against women.

The Conference on 25 and 26 November in Brussels will follow the 'Women Ministers' Summit on violence against women' organised by the Belgian Presidency on 24 November.

The Conference is expected to gather a group of leaders, parliamentarians, experts, academics, NGOs and international organisations active in the field of combating violence against women. Aware of the crucial role to be played by the national Parliaments in the fight against this violence, we believe it is very important that representatives of those Parliaments take active part in this event. In this regard, we would be honoured to welcome two members of your Parliament at this Conference.

Further information about the conference and the registration forms can be found on the following website: [www.violence-registration.net](http://www.violence-registration.net).

The deadline to register to the Conference is **5 November**. Please feel free to contact Mr Ekmel Çizmecioglu ([Ekmel.cizmecioglu@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Ekmel.cizmecioglu@ec.europa.eu)), Ms Marijke Weewauters ([Marijke.WEEWAUTERS@igvm.belgie.be](mailto:Marijke.WEEWAUTERS@igvm.belgie.be)) or Mr Nicolas Belkacemi ([Nicolas.BELKACEMI@igvm.belgie.be](mailto:Nicolas.BELKACEMI@igvm.belgie.be)) should you have any further questions. Please note that all the expenses related to your trip and accommodation will remain at your own costs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joëlle Milquet', written over a horizontal line.

Joëlle Milquet

Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister of Employment  
and Equal Opportunities,  
in charge of Migration and Asylum Policy