



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL JUSTICE

Director-General

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Your Excellency,

Violence against women is a crime with severe consequences and despite its prevalence is often under-recognised. The European Commission is committed to fighting this crime and with this in mind, is organising a **Conference on Violence against Women on 25-26 November in Brussels** in cooperation with the Belgian Presidency of the Council.

The Conference 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.

We would like to invite three participants from your Member State to attend the Conference and would appreciate your assistance in forwarding this invitation to the competent authorities in each of the following:

- (1) One representative from the National Parliament with expertise in gender issues;
- (2) One representative from the Ministry of Justice;
- (3) One representative from the Ministry responsible for equality and gender.

The draft agenda of the conference is attached to this letter. Further information about the conference can be found on the following website:
<http://www.violence-registration.net/acceptance.jsp>

The password for the invitees is invit11. If you would like further information please contact Mr Ekmel Çizmecioglu (Ekmel.cizmecioglu@ec.europa.eu).

We look forward to receiving confirmation of the delegates' participation.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: Draft Agenda

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