

The Rt Hon. Mark Drakeford MS
First Minister of Wales

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Dear Mark

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

You will be aware that my 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.

I enclose the report on our consideration of the agreement. You will note that we agreed to request the following information from the Welsh Government:

- its involvement in the decision to ratify the Convention and whether this is accurately described in the Explanatory Memorandum;
- how it is carrying out its duties under the Convention, for each of its articles relating to devolved areas, as set out in the Explanatory Memorandum; and
- whether further actions are needed to ensure it is fully compliant with the Convention.



We would be grateful to receive your response by 7 September 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

