**Draft Resolution proposed by International Network of Liberal Women**

**Liberal International and INLW launch Istanbul Convention Campaign**

**Recalling**

-the Resolution on “Preventing and combating Violence against Women through the “Istanbul Convention” of the Council of Europe”, which was adopted by the 59th Congress of Liberal International in Rotterdam.

-The commemoration this year (2015) of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Beijing Platform for Action.

-the awarding of Ms Waris Dirie of the 2014 Liberal International Prize for Freedom for her endeavors to bring global attention to the suffering inflicted by female genital mutilation (FGM).

**Noting**

-the Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence of the Council of Europe, also named Istanbul Convention, is the most far reaching international treaty to tackle violence against women and domestic violence and also protects men, children and the elderly.

-it was signed by 31 member states of the Council of Europe and entered into force on August 1st 2014, but has only been ratified by 18 of these nations.

-International Network of Liberal Women and Liberal International launched a call through written and oral statements at the UN Human Rights Council to globalize the content of the Istanbul by incorporating it into a new all-encompassing international women’s rights framework

**Shocked**

- 1 in 10 girls in the world experiences forced sexual activity

-Over 130 million women have experienced FGM

-Worldwide, more than 700 million women alive today were child brides

- Women and girls are increasingly victims of horrific practices by different extremist terrorist groups like Boko Haram and IS.

**Considering**

-Liberal International and INLW have launched the “Istanbul Convention Campaign” in which they call upon Liberal International and INLW members to take an active part in this Campaign.

Liberal International **calls upon** Liberal Parties, Leaders and Parlementarians

- to promote signing and ratification of the Istanbul Convention by all member states.

-to support a global women rights legal framework which addresses violence against women both as a form of discrimination and of a human rights violation and to request their government to include this priority in its foreign affairs agenda.

-to join Liberal International online during the 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence Campaign from 25 November-10 December; and to Tweet, Facebook and blog about violence against women, domestic violence, and the importance of the Istanbul Convention using the official Istanbul Convention Campaign hashtag; **#1in10neveragain.**

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