



Committee of Experts celebrates the approval of the Micaela Law in Argentina

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) celebrates the approval of the Law on compulsory training in gender for all the people working in the three branches of the Argentinian State, better known as Ley Micaela, in tribute to Micaela García, a 21-year-old young women murdered in Guleaguay in 2017. The Law set forth the creation of a permanent national program of institutional training in gender and violence against women for all persons who work in the public service at all levels and hierarchies.

This Committee welcomes the fact that the Argentinian State seeks to train and educate those who make up different levels of the State in order to comply with the obligation assumed when signed and ratified the Belém do Pará Convention. In particular, this initiative represents a significant step forward in terms of promoting the education and training of all those involved in the administration of justice, police and other law enforcement officers as well as other personnel responsible for implementing policies for the prevention, punishment and eradication of violence against women, as indicated in article 8 of the Belém do Pará Convention.

In this sense, through the Third Hemispheric Report on Prevention, the Committee has indicated that the prevention of violence against women requires the adoption of institutionalized and permanent training programs on human rights of women, aimed at technical ministerial personnel, justice personnel, legislators, healthcare workers, security and police forces and personnel in centers specializing in the treatment of women victims of violence among others. In addition, it is emphasized that the programs must incorporate the criteria of the international doctrine to act with due diligence in the framework of the complains and investigations of crimes of violence against women and girls.

For all the above, the Committee applauds the political will of the Argentine State to advance in the way to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women and girls, through permanent training and at the state level, in order to guarantee the right of all women and girls to live free of violence.

The Committee of Experts is the technical body of the MESECVI responsible for the analysis and evaluation of the implementation process of the Belém do Pará Convention. It is composed of independent experts, appointed by each of the States Party from among its nationals, who exercise their functions in a personal capacity.