

Committee of Experts welcomes the Resolution to fight against gender violence and femicide in Ecuador

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the [Belém do Pará Convention](#) (MESECVI) welcomes the passing of the *Resolution related to punishing and fighting against gender violence, femicide, racism, xenophobia and intolerance* by the Ecuador's National Assembly. This represents significant progress on the State's commitments since they are endorsing and ratifying the Belém do Pará Convention.

This Resolution condemns every act of violence, discrimination and/or xenophobia, urges the corresponding authorities to adopt comprehensive measures to fight against gender violence, femicides, xenophobia and intolerance, and requests the Executive for the provision of free advertising spaces in mass media for the implementation of a communication and awareness strategy in order to promote plans and programs for the prevention and eradication gender violence.

It is important to remember that by means of the [Third Hemispheric Report](#), the Committee has reiterated the importance of promoting legislative initiatives or national plans which have an impact on the cultural and educational areas, accompanied by awareness actions and campaigns that promote a transformation in favor of women's equality. In this sense, during the [Third Round of Evaluation](#), this Committee highlighted the lack of information about plans related to violence against women in Ecuador and the need for them to include monitoring and evaluation mechanisms.

The Committee of Experts urges the State to continue with this progress according to the international obligations related to human rights of women and girls. The Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention, by means of its Committee of Experts, is willing to provide to the State of Ecuador any technical support they could require on this matter.

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 among its nationals, who exercise their functions in a personal capacity.