

Pursuant to Article IV.4. of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina, at the session of the House of Representatives, held on December 28, 2007. and at the session of the House of Peoples, held on January 31, 2008, passed the following

R E S O L U T I O N

ON COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

1. Joining the campaign of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, called „Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women“, contained in Resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 1512 (2006);
2. Reaffirming that every form of the violence against women, including domestic violence, violation of a right and fundamental freedoms, also reaffirming that it prevents or sets aside realization of these rights and fundamental freedoms and expressing concern of insufficient progress in protecting and promoting these rights and freedoms in all cases of violence against women;
3. Realising that effective implementation of the international documents which guarantee the rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as home legislative, would make contributions in combating the violence against women, and that this Resolution would make this process stronger and complete, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina calls all institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and also non governmental organizations to:
 - 3.1. pass appropriate legislative and budgetary measures and plans in order to stop domestic violence against women;
 - 3.2. ensure that already passed laws and measures are effectively implemented and particularly ensure the faster access to the courts, as well as effective adoption of protective measures. The victim is very often alone in the criminal proceedings, without juridicial and psychological support, without real understanding of her rights. During

the process of recovery of the suffered violence, the right for help is almost completely neglected;

3.3. do their best in establishing the objects for supporting the victims of domestic violence, and trainings for the medical staff, police, justice, social and educational services, etc;

3.4. launch the campaign for giving informations about domestic violence and prevention, as well as the campaign for finding victims of domestic violence;

4. Aware of the importance which the media has in monitoring, comenting and assessing of the social atmosphere, and therefore in creating public awareness, we call media to support implementaton of the Counil of Europe campaign;

5. Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina urges the adoption of documents of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina called „Strategy for combating domestic violence against women“, as a strategic document by which the activities of this company are carried out, and commits the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina to provide regular reports about its carring out;

6. We encourage members of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina to state their own opinions on combating domestic violence against women in every opportunity, as well as to interact in the activities which this Parliamentary Assembly will undertake in the company in the future period of time.

7. Resolution will be published in „Official gazette of BiH“.

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STATEMENT OF REASONS

I. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LAW BACKGROUND

Constitutional and law background for passing the Resolution on combating domestic violence against women is contained in the Article IV.4. (e) of the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by which is regulated the authority of the Parliamentary Assembly for passing other acts necessary for implementation of its duties, in this case for implementation of the Resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which we are member country.

II. REASONS FOR PASSING RESOLUTION

The Resolution of the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly 1512 (2006), regarding the project „Parliaments united in combating domestic violence against women“, commits the Council of Europe member states to take an involvement in the parliamentary dimension of pan-European campaign through the activities planed for combating domestic violence against women (paragraph 5.3. of the Resolution of the PACE).

In the framework of this activities, the Parliaments of the Council of Europe member states committed themselves to pass documents by which the decisions of the Parliaments in combating domestic violence against women are confirmed.

Proposed Resolution fulfills the obligation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, defines the parliamentary dimension of the campaign activities and at the same time expresses the view of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina about this important question and defines the guidelines of the work of BiH institutions (Article 148 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives and Article 141 of the the Rules of Procedure of the House of Peoples).