

November 13 Call of Parliamentarians for the Abolition of Prostitution

It is through legislation that the abolition of prostitution will progress !

- 1- Prostitution is violence.
- 2- That particularly affects the most vulnerable.
3. It is an obstacle to equality between women and men.
- 4- It is mainly about organized crime networks and trafficking in human beings.
- 5- The only proven model is the abolitionist model, which aims to reduce prostitution and allow prostituted persons to exit it.
- 6 The aim of this model is not only to reduce prostitution on one's specific territory. The only effective action is a concerted and joint action at the regional or international levels.
7. For these reasons, we, parliamentarians from different countries, are demanding that national legislations and public policies be harmonized, in order to abolish prostitution, that is to say:
 - Resolutely and systematically opposing the pimping and trafficking in human beings;
 - Decriminalizing prostituted persons;
 - Reinforcing the rights of victims of pimping and of trafficking, and supporting persons who wish to exit prostitution;
 - Making sex buyers accountable and prohibiting the purchase of sexual acts;
 - Prohibiting all forms of direct or indirect advertising of sexual services offers;
 - Implementing sex education and prostitution prevention policies;
 - Promoting studies concerning prostitution and the trafficking in human beings, and harmonizing data collection systems.
8. We, parliamentarians from different countries, are hereby creating an international network and calling for a mobilization and involvement of our governments, regional bodies,

international agencies, and especially the UN, in order to abolish prostitution. We commit to alerting all sectors of public opinion to the realities of the prostitution system.

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