

High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels

Pledge registration form

The Republic of Finland hereby pledges (max. 10 lines):

To enhance women's access to justice by

1. Ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO) and organising an international seminar in Helsinki in 2013 to enhance its implementation;
2. Implementing the Cross-Sectoral Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women by 2015, including securing necessary resources to that end;
3. Reforming the legislation on sexual offences to the effect that it will better serve the right to sexual self-determination;
4. Incorporating gender perspective and the promotion of gender equality in the future Government Report on Democratic Policy and in broader measures to promote democracy and citizen's participation.

(Note: Pledge should include specific dates)

Proposed implementation steps (in 2013 or if later, please specify - ____):

→ Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (CAHVIO) by 2013 and organizing an international seminar on its implementation in 2013.

→ Implementation of the Cross-Sectoral Action Plan to Reduce Violence against Women by 2015.

→ Reform of the Legislation on Sexual Offences by 2015.

→ Gender perspective and the promotion of gender equality in the Government Report on Democratic Policy and in broader measures to promote democracy and citizen's participation by 2014.

Pledging State:

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Finland hereby pledges (max. 10 lines):

- To promote the Rule of Law related objectives of Finland's newly adopted Development Policy Programme (2012) during the programme period;
- To support United Nations Rule of Law activities, through, inter alia, its continued financial support to the UNDP Law and Order Trust Fund in Afghanistan;
- To continue to support regional and bilateral programmes to promote the rule of law, such as the program "Equal before the Law: Access to Justice" in Central Asia throughout 2013 which aims at strengthening links between international norms and national law and improving access to justice by especially vulnerable groups, such as rural women, children at risk and disabled persons.
- To support training of criminal justice and related professionals in the investigation of international crimes, through continued financial support to the Justice Rapid Response in 2013;
- To continue to support the efforts of the Trust Fund for Victims for the benefit of victims within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court and of the families of such victims, by contributing funds to the Trust Fund;
- Jointly with other like-minded States on targeted sanctions, to submit by the end of this year and by 2014 to the UN Security Council suggestions on ways to strengthen the UN sanctions system by further improving fair and clear procedures, especially with regard to enhancing the scope and mandate of the Ombudsperson procedure.

(Note: Pledge should include specific dates)

Proposed implementation steps (in 2013 or if later, please specify - ____):

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Pledging State:

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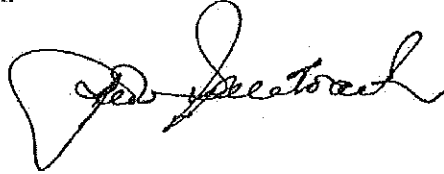
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