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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Joint declaration on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women seeks to raise awareness in our societies about a collective objective that has not yet been achieved. Likewise, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development includes gender equality among the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 5) and, among its goals, the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls.

In the whole of the European Union, dozens of women continue to be murdered at the hands of their partners and ex-partners. These victims of a more structural and invisible pandemic deserve our recognition and respect.

Thus, in fully democratic societies, the elimination of violence against women requires a firm and forceful response, since it poses a threat to our model of free society. That is why our political action must be determined to guarantee the equality, integrity and security as well as the empowerment of all women.

Therefore, today we solemnly declare:

- Our memory and solidarity with the victims and our strongest condemnation of any attitude and act of violence against women, as well as our will to prevent and combat sexism, which constitutes the basis for the climate of intimidation, prevarication, discrimination and exclusion that sustains this violence.
- The commitment to incorporate the objective of eradicating violence against women at the heart of the action of the European Union, as an inseparable part of our democratic and egalitarian framework, also remembering that gender equality is a foundational element of the European Union and an essential part of the European Pillar of Social Rights.
- The essential importance of the European Union completing the ratification process of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention), which constitutes a fundamental tool in the international fight against violence against women.

- The necessary effective application of Directive 2011/36 / EU of the European Parliament and of the Council, of April 5, 2011, on the prevention and fight against trafficking in human beings and the protection of victims and which replaces Framework Decision 2002/629 / JHA of the Council as well as the effective implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, to the UN “Palermo Convention” on Transnational Organized Crime, adopted November 15, 2000.

- Our will to promote concrete measures within the European Union to advance in the eradication of violence against women, such as the improvement of data collection systems and research at European level on the incidence of all forms of violence about women; the implementation of European campaigns, with special emphasis on youth and ICTs, for the prevention of violence and the eradication of sexist stereotypes; or the adoption of agreements and best practices codes with service providers in the field of ICTs, aimed at preventing the online recruitment of women and girls for trafficking and sexual exploitation.

In Palma de Mallorca, on November 25, 2020

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