

Contribution by Greece regarding the implementation of UN General Assembly Resolution 73/149 on «Intensifying global efforts for the elimination of female genital mutilation».

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Regarding the implementation of Resolution 71/168, Greece undertook the following actions:

1. Ratification of the Istanbul Convention (Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence) with Law 4351/2018. Article 2 of Law 4351/18 adds a new article (Article 315B) to the Greek Penal Code which states: "Anyone who causes or encourages in any way a woman (or girls under 18) to be submitted to female genital mutilation and any person who in public or in any other way is causing or tries to persuade others to this act is punished by imprisonment."
2. It should also be noted that the National Action Plan on Gender Equality 2016-2020 foresees actions on the issue of female genital mutilation. Such actions are the following:
 - A campaign to raise public awareness on the value of female genital mutilation, in cooperation with GSFPGE, civil society, immigration organizations and local authorities.
 - Seminars organized by the GSFPGE to raise awareness among younger generations, especially those growing up in schools with such populations, of the risks and consequences of this practice, in cooperation with primary and secondary education directorates.
 - GSFPGE is working with migrant communities, organizing discussions and is setting up information networks and reception centers where mothers or potential minor victims can take refuge and provide them with detailed and responsible information on the health dangers for their children. This action is implemented with the cooperation of Civil Society, Migration Organizations, Local Authorities, Hospitals, and Ministry of Health.
3. The elimination of female genital mutilation is expected to be included among the thematic priorities of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, which is currently under development.