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# Zero Tolerance

## Seminar on Actions to Prevent Gender-based Violence

### Reykjavík, Iceland

Grand Hotel Reykjavik, 25<sup>th</sup> of September 2014

The seminar is held as part of the Icelandic Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2014 and is jointly organised by The Ministry of Welfare in Iceland, The Ministry of the Interior in Iceland, The Centre for Gender Equality, Iceland, in cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers. The seminar will focus on the Istanbul Convention (on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence) and the obligations it imposes on countries committed to fighting domestic violence.

Mr José Mendens Bota (Portugal), member of the Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination responsible for originally drafting the Istanbul convention, will deliver a presentation on the convention. Sami Nevala (Finland) will present results of the first EU-wide survey on violence against women, conducted by European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA). Arni Hole (Norway) describes the contribution of the FRA survey to the Nordic cooperation. Police Commissioner Carin Götblad (Sweden) will present results from a part of a study she directed, looking into laws, regulations, actions and action plans intended to combat gender-based violence in Sweden.

Combating gender-based violence is one of the main priorities of the Nordic Council of Ministers in Nordic co-operation on gender equality issues. Examples of good practises in the Nordic countries will be presented at the seminar: The implementation of SARA (Spousal Assault Risk Assessment) in Norway, a special monitoring system in South-West Iceland, Denmark's experience of actions to combat gender-based violence and from Finland we will learn about how scanning for gender-based violence is integrated into health-and social services.

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The seminar is open and will be held in English. Conference fee is 5000 ISK.

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# Programme

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8.30 – 9.00	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
9.00 – 9.15	<b>Opening of the conference:</b> Hanna Birna Kristjánsdóttir, Minister of the Interior
9.15 – 9.45	<i>José Mendes Bota, General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and President of the Ethics Committee of the Portuguese Parliament: “Istanbul Convention: the golden standard on combating violence against women”</i>
9.45 – 10.15	<i>Arni Hole, Study visitor at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and Director General of the Ministry of Children, Equality and Inclusion in Norway: “The added value of the FRA survey to Nordic cooperation”</i>
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Sami Nevala, Programme Manager at The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights: “Presentation of the new European research (FRA) on violence against women”</i>
10.45 – 11.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.00 – 11.45	<i>Carin Götblad, Police Commissioner, Sweden: “Violence in close relationships – a national health problem. Recommendations on how to work more effectively”</i>
11.45 – 12.15	<i>Dorte Rievers Bindslev, Denmark: “National Action Plans – A means to address violence in the family and in intimate relations”</i>
12.15 – 13.30	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30 – 14.00	<i>María Gunnarsdóttir, Iceland: “Awareness-raising: action against domestic violence in Reykjanesbær, Iceland”</i>
14.00 – 14.30	<i>Helena Ewalds, Finland: “Routine asking about domestic violence in social and health settings”</i>
14.30 – 15.00	<i>Dag Simen Grøtterud, Norway: “The Risk Assessment Approach (SARA) to Intimate Partner Violence Prevention and Intervention”</i>
15.00 – 15.15	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.15 – 15.45	<i>Juno Blom, Sweden: “A life without violence and oppression is a matter of justice! How can we better recognize and assist children who live in a culture dominated by honour relations.”</i>
15.45 – 16.30	<b>Discussions</b>
16.30 – 16.45	<b>Closing remarks:</b> Eygló Harðardóttir, Minister of Social Affairs and Housing