

## FOR AN EFFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIFIC GROUNDS FOR ASYLUM FOR WOMEN, GIRLS AND LGBTIQ+ PEOPLE

Sexual and gender-based violence pushes many women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people to flee their countries and seek asylum in Europe. These people are almost systematically exposed to violence and exploitation throughout the migration process. When they arrive in Europe, they face inadequate asylum procedures and an unworthy reception. And their specific grounds for asylum are often not recognised, despite the principles set out in several European directives and the provisions of the Istanbul Convention which recognises gender-based violence against women as a form of persecution entitling them to international protection.

**We, the people of Europe and the world, call on the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Council and the national governments of the Schengen area to:**

**1** Guarantee the right to international protection through the effective recognition of any specific asylum grounds for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ persons.

*We demand that the necessary means for the establishment of adequate procedures and structures for the effective recognition of asylum grounds specific to women, girls and LGBTIQ+ persons be deployed by the European Commission and national governments.*

**2** Establish a European monitoring body to ensure the effective implementation of articles 60 and 61 of the Istanbul Convention and articles 10 to 16 of the Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings.

*We call for the effective implementation of the Istanbul Convention and the Convention on Action against Human Trafficking so that victims of gender-based violence are recognised, supported and afforded international protection.*

**3** Ensure access to asylum in European countries for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people.

The proposed new EU migration pact is primarily aimed at limiting access to Europe. The impossibility to lodge asylum applications in the embassies of European countries has turned the Mediterranean into a giant graveyard.

*We call for facilitated legal channels for women, girls and LGBTIQ+ people to apply for asylum in Europe.*

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