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Country:	Croatia
Title:	Ratification of the Istanbul Convention
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	Plans for ratification of the Istanbul Convention in 2017
Ground of discrimination:	Sex
Source:	Legislation
Field:	Other
Applicable law:	Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention)

Content

Policy/Law development: On 7 March 2017, the Minister of demography, family, youth and social policy announced the formation of a working group for the ratification of the Istanbul convention, which is a first concrete step towards its ratification after Croatia signed the Convention in 2013.

Key points of analysis: Although the decision of the ministry forming the working group and nominating its members, as well as appointing its mandate is dated 17 February 2017, it was not before 7 March 2017 that it was announced and published on the website of the Ministry on 8 March 2017. The Minister of demography, family, youth and social policy announced the formation of the working group at a thematic session of the Parliament's Committee for gender equality, held at the Croatian Parliament on 7 March 2017. The next day, the Club of the MPs belonging to the Socialist Democratic Party (SDP; the biggest opposition party in the Parliament) announced that it has filed a motion to the Parliament for the adoption of the Act on the ratification of the Istanbul Convention.

Internet link source:

Ministry of demography, family, youth and social policy: <http://www.mspm.hr/vijesti-8/radna-skupina-za-izradu-nacrta-prijedloga-zakona-o-potvrdjivanju-konvencije-vijeca-europe-o-spreccavanju-i-borbi-protiv-nasilja-nad-zenama-i-nasilja-u-obitelji/4481>