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The report also noted that the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and its Minister may inform the Judicial Studies Institute of training courses related to violence against women, yet it is “not in a position to ‘encourage’ participation by judges in such courses” (p. 121). Please indicate whether any surveys have been conducted on women’s perception of the responsiveness of the criminal justice system, including the police, prosecutors and the judiciary, to complaints of violence against women in general, and domestic violence in particular, and if so, what the results were.

11. According to the report, a domestic violence intervention project was launched in Dublin in 2003, a measure that arose out of research undertaken on the development of an intervention model for victims of domestic violence (pp. 120 and 128). Please describe the nature and impact of that integrated approach to domestic violence, including in regard to particularly vulnerable groups of women, and provide information on the support services for women experiencing violence, both in respect of numbers and resource allocation.

12. According to the report, an end to trafficking in persons is a priority. Please provide information about trafficking in women; in particular, provide information about legislation that is in place, statistical data on women trafficked into Ireland, and traffickers prosecuted and punished and information about the services available to trafficked women, including permits to stay in the country.

#### Political and public life

13. In the concluding comments on the examination of the second and third periodic report, the Committee expressed concern at the t



large, they are not landowners" (para. 14.4). Please describe any legal or cultural obstacles to women's sole or joint ownership of land.

23. Does the rural development policy in place contain a particular focus on women that would enhance their access to economic opportunities and participation in decision-making processes related to rural development planning?

24. The Advisory Committee on the Role of Women in Agriculture published a report with 36 recommendations aiming at providing an input into rural development strategies and policies. Please provide information on the focus and the implementation of those recommendations.

**Vulnerable groups of women**