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Secondly In recent years, the extent of human trafficking has increased dramatically. As the recent report by the UN Office on Drugs and Crimes confirms, trafficking in women for sexual exploitation is the most prevalent form of human trafficking. The Palermo Protocol calls upon governments to prevent such exploitation and limit the demand that fuels the market. The Nordic countries of Sweden, Norway and Iceland have taken such steps by criminalizing the purchase of sex. Legislation in these countries penalizes the customers, while women in prostitution are regarded as victims. We applaud these efforts and call upon all Member States to adopt similar measures. By doing so, your government would send a loud and clear message to criminal networks that your country is not open to business for them.

Finally: Any factor of discrimination robs women of social and cultural capital necessary to protect and defend themselves

For this reason, member states must adopt holistic approaches to violence against women, taking into consideration the multiple, intersectional and overlapping