





### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

## PREVENTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: CURRENT PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

26 September 2016 Red Room of the Saeima, Jēkaba iela 11, Riga, Latvia

The conference aims to evaluate the advances in domestic violence prevention and to consider possible solutions to the identified problems. International research shows that domestic violence is closely linked to other crimes against a person, society, and humankind in general.

**9:30–10:00** Registration

10:00-10:30 Opening address

Ms Inese Lībiņa-Egnere, Deputy Speaker of the Saeima, Latvia

Mr Jānis Reirs, Minister for Welfare, Latvia

Ms Iluta Lāce, Director of Resource Centre for Women MARTA, Latvia

10:30-12:00 1st TOPIC:

ADVANCES IN THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Legislative branch

**Ms Aija Barča**, Chairperson of the Social and Employment Matters Committee of the Saeima, Latvia

**Mr Boriss Cilevičs**, Deputy Chairman of the Human Rights and Public Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia

**Judiciary branch** 

Ms Ilze Celmina, Judge of the Riga District Court, Latvia

**Executive branch** 

*Mr Andis Rinkevics*, Head of the Crime Prevention Unit of the State Police, Latvia

Foreign expert

**Ms Helen Rubenstein**, Program Director with Global Rights for Women, United States of America

**DISCUSSION** 

12:00-13:00 **COFFEE BREAK** 

#### 13:00-14:30 2<sup>nd</sup> TOPIC:

# FUTURE CHALLENGES AND TASKS. EXAMPLES OF BEST PRACTICE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

#### Legislative branch

**Mr Gaidis Bērziņš**, Chairman of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Latvia

#### **Executive branch**

*Mr Armands Lubarts*, Head of the Human Trafficking and Procuring Investigation Unit of the Organised Crime Enforcement Department, State Police, Latvia

#### **Experts**

**Ms Irina Frolova**, Head of the Social Services Unit at Resource Centre for Women MARTA, Latvia

Mr Grégoire Théry, Executive Director of CAP International, Belgium

**H.E. Mr Henrik Landerholm**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to Latvia

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### 14:30-15:00 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ms Evika Siliņa, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of the Interior, Latvia Ms Karina Ploka, Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Welfare, Latvia Mr Ainars Latkovskis, Chairman of the Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee of the Saeima, Latvia