

# SWEDISH WOMEN'S LOBBY

## Comments submitted by the Swedish Women's Lobby to the Draft Update of General Recommendation No. 19 (1992) on Gender Based Violence Against Women

The Swedish Women's Lobby hereby submits comments to the paragraphs listed below.  
Please find our additions marked in red.

### Recommendation 15 c)

Adopt and implement effective measures to encourage the media, including advertising and information and communications technologies to eliminate discrimination against women in their work, including **objectification of women and girls and** negative and stereotyped portrayal of women and girls, including women human rights defenders. These measures should include:

- iii. Encouragement of the creation of self-regulatory mechanisms by the media aimed at the elimination **of** gender stereotypes and **objectification of women** and

### Recommendation 15 e)

Encourage, including through the use of incentives and corporate responsibility models, the engagement of the private sector, including businesses and transnational corporations, in efforts to eradicate all forms of gender-based violence against women, and their responsibility for such violence in the scope of their action. This should include the establishment of internal complaints procedures and support measures for women victims/survivors of such violence.

**It should furthermore include the establishment of ethical guidelines for work places and in professional activities in order to eliminate sexual harassment and exploitation of women, including prohibition of escort services, sex purchase and strip club visits in relation to business or business travel.**

### Recommendation 15 j)

- i. provisions that allow child marriage and legislation that criminalises abortion, as well as legislation that enshrines or facilitate gender-based violence against women, **including female genital mutilation;**

The Swedish Women's Lobby suggests the addition of the two paragraphs below.

### Recommendation 15 m)

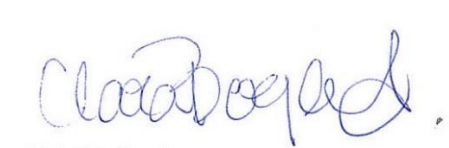
**Adopt and implement effective legislative and other appropriate preventive measures to eliminate the trade of women as surrogate mothers. Adopt appropriate measures to prevent trade in women and children in surrogate arrangements.**

Recommendation 15 n)

**Adopt and implement legislations which criminalize the purchase of sex, but not the person in prostitution - the so called Nordic Model. Protect victims of prostitution and promote exit measures from prostitution.**

**Adopt appropriate measures to prevent sex purchase, including public information campaigns.**

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clara Berglund', is centered below the text 'Sincerely yours,'.

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