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## Statement

### **10 May: European Parliament backs the EU accession to the Istanbul Convention**

EuroMed Feminist Initiative (EFI) welcomes the massive vote of the European Parliament's members, on 10 May, for the European Union's accession to the Istanbul Convention, which recognises violence against women as a violation of human rights and a form of discrimination against women.

Said Lilian Halls-French, EFI Co-President: *"Today is an important day for the fight against violence against women. After years of struggle, it is a step closer to EU ratification of an important tool addressing violence against women"*.