



UPR Recommendations to Andorra

The role of Stop Violències (SV) is to give assistance to women facing violence and fight for decriminalization of abortion. Currently abortion is criminalized (including for rape and underaged pregnancy), there is an absence of legal regulations against obstetric violence, and absence of specialized and effective protocol services against sexual violence.

In parallel, Andorra appears this year in the UN Secretary General [report](#) on reprisals and intimidation¹ - for judicially harassing the president of Stop Violències. Our government has lodged a criminal suit against the President of SV, Vanessa Mendoza Cortés, who is facing prison sentences for a report she presented last year to the CEDAW Committee, recommending the long due decriminalization of abortion and for statements she gave to the press. In addition, another investigation is open for the conduct during a public assembly. The crimes Vanessa is charged with relate to defamation of the heads of State and the authorities, amounting to four years' imprisonment.

Recommendations:

1. Stop the judicial harassment, the reprisals and intimidation against Vanessa Mendoza Cortés and other human rights defenders in relation to the exercise of fundamental freedoms and engagement with the UN;
2. Decriminalize defamation in the Criminal Law and review the legislation that restricts the right to strike;
3. Legalize abortion and remove from the criminal code article 108;
4. Ratify the Optional Protocol of the CAT, the Convention on Enforced Disappearances and the ICESCR;
5. To ensure that all emergency service providers are trained and specialized in domestic and sexual violence and that protocols with a gender perspective are put in place for women facing violence.

¹ Para 44, Annex I: paras 5-7.