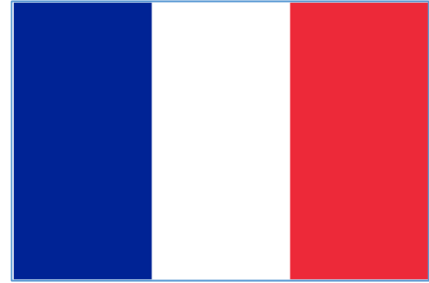


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UN WOMEN (United Nations agency for gender equality and women's empowerment) is a United Nations agency that works to achieve gender equality and empower women. In this context, the United Nations has a great deal of attention to domestic violence and abuse, which already exists but has increased for various reasons during the COVID-19 pandemic. Especially, femicides, which have increased in a certain period of time throughout the world, have made this issue very important. France has been working to promote gender equality and women's rights for years. The first breakthrough of women into politics was during the French Revolution, when the French writer Olympe de Gouges published the Declaration of the Rights of Women. *"Liberty and justice are giving back all that belongs to others; There is no limit to the use of women's natural rights against the constant tyranny of men; therefore these constraints need to be rearranged by the laws of nature and reason."*

It was announced that 90 of the 106 people who were victims of murder in 2020, when the pandemic was effective in France, were women and that the victims were killed by their ex-husbands or boyfriends. Although we discuss how much femicide has increased during the pandemic, with this data, the number of women who were victims of murder in the last two years increased to 236, and this figure was recorded as the lowest rate in the last 15 years in France. Despite the declarations that domestic violence increased during the pandemic, femicide data in 2020 decreased by 37% compared to 2019. Dupond Moretti (French Minister of Justice) stated that the murders were regrettable and evaluated the decrease in the death rate compared to last year as a positive development. Minister Dupond-Moretti also said, *"Every murder and every act of violence has tragic consequences. All this is a failure of our society and our justice system."* made its assessment. (2020/France)

France enacted the Violence Against Women Law in 2010 to prevent violence against women. On September 20, 2010, the French parliament adopted this law on violence against women, violence against women and the effects of such violence on children, dated 9 July 2010. *"Measures to Protect Victims of Violence: While protecting both genders; The law is primarily designed to help women and children who are victims of domestic violence."* Various sanctions are imposed by the state on citizens who neglect the measures in the law.

French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe announced a 5 million Euro package to combat femicide. With this money, 1000 new women's shelters were opened and it was examined how the complaints of women in 40 police stations were handled. The President of France, Emmanuel Macron, launched a different nationwide campaign against domestic violence. It has set up a hotline to report violence against women. Another suggestion, which has not been implemented yet, but which, when agreed with other countries, can fundamentally solve violence: These crimes, perpetrated by people with certain psychological disorders; It can never be prevented by making statements that accuse the victim instead of the perpetrator, by making excuses for crime, by restricting the freedom of women. With such

approaches, only hatred towards women will be increased and diseased people will find more courage to commit crimes. Since everything starts in the family, precautions and solutions should also start from the family. For this, mental health professionals should be appointed before marriage or at a young age.