

**Sample Letter:**

Dear Ministar Pravde Miras Radovic,

I welcome the signature by Montenegro on the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings. Montenegro is a source, transit, and destination country for women and girls trafficked internally and internationally for the purpose of sexual exploitation. I urge you to ensure that Montenegro's legal framework is in accordance with the Convention and to fully implement the Convention.

According to the Explanatory Report to accompany the Council of Europe Convention, "when trafficking in human beings is concerned, special protected shelters are especially suitable and have already been introduced in various countries." I urge you to foster financial support for shelters for women and girls, in close cooperation with independent non-governmental women's groups, either by providing funding from your budget, by providing housing for a shelter, or by providing land on which a shelter may be built. I also urge you to ensure that adequate financial resources are made available for the development and support of independent non-governmental organizations opposing domestic violence and human trafficking.

Furthermore, in implementing the Convention, legislation should prohibit the forcible return and detention of trafficked persons. Also, I urge you to add "abduction" to the definition of trafficking as set out in article 3 (a) of the Palermo Protocol.

Finally, I urge you to codify the measures of witness protection in the statute on criminal procedure, by implementing the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (Article 24) in the Statute on Criminal Procedure (Article 8), so that the safety of the witness is guaranteed.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,