



Communique Committee of Experts

Committee of Experts of the MESECVI expresses concern about the possible weakening of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations of Peru and possible obstacles to the work of civil society organizations.

Washington, DC, June 24, 2025. [The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women "Belém do Pará Convention" \(MESECVI\)](#) expresses its concern over legislative initiatives currently under discussion in the Congress of the Republic of Peru which, if approved, could weaken the competencies of the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations (MIMP) in the area of care and protection for women victims of gender-based violence, putting at risk their access to specialized and comprehensive services. The Committee also expresses concern over the recent enactment of regulation that could hinder the work of civil society organizations dedicated to the defense of women's rights.

The Committee of Experts (CEVI) has taken note of the concern expressed by women human rights defenders, civil society organizations, and women civil society actors in relation to legislative proposals that seek to transfer the management of the Women's Emergency Centers (CEM), currently under the responsibility of the MIMP, to the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights (MINJUSDH).

The Committee has also received information signed by more than 60 civil society organizations regarding the recent enactment of Law No. 32301. While this law is still in the process of regulation —according to information provided by State authorities to this Committee— the organizations have expressed their concern about a series of controls that could be interpreted in a way that could limit their work in the defense and protection of women's human rights.

Based on the information provided by the Peruvian State itself to the MESECVI during the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round (2018-2022), the Committee of Experts has highlighted the role of the CEMs as a tool for providing comprehensive and specialized care to women, adolescents and girls who are victims and survivors of violence. Their management by the MIMP, which responds to the mandate of this ministry as the lead agency

for women's human rights, is essential for the prevention, care and reparation of acts and crimes of violence against women.

Therefore, this Committee notes with concern the initiatives that seek to transfer the management of the CEMs to another state entity, putting at risk the access of women victims and survivors of violence to comprehensive specialized services and personnel trained in prevention, care and protection, in addition to weakening the role played by the MIMP as the national mechanism for the advancement of women's rights.

According to Article 8d of the Belém do Pará Convention, States Parties undertake to “provide appropriate specialized services for women who have been subjected to violence.” In this sense, the Committee calls for the strengthening of this obligation through the MIMP, and reiterates the importance of strengthening national mechanisms for the advancement of women, providing them with technical and institutional capacities, as well as adequate budgets, in line with the international commitments assumed by the States Parties to the Convention.

The Committee also recalls the commitment of the States Parties to the Beijing Platform for Action, which this year marks its thirtieth anniversary, and which calls for the establishment or strengthening of national mechanisms with a specific mandate to promote women's rights, with political support at the highest level and the necessary resources to ensure their effective functioning.

The Committee also expresses its concern regarding the impact that Law No. 32301 could have on women and girls’ access to a life free from violence, weakening care services and restricting the exercise of their rights by limiting the essential role of defense organizations that promote and protect women's rights.

In this regard, the CEVI thanks the State authorities for the information sent to this Committee, noting that the purpose of said law—approved within the framework of a regular and democratic legislative process and whose application will depend on a regulation that is still being drafted—is not to restrict the work of civil society organizations.

In light of the above, the Committee of Experts emphasizes its call to the legislative and executive authorities of Peru to guarantee, through the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, the provision of specialized and comprehensive prevention, care and quality protection services for women victims of violence. The Committee also urges to safeguard the work of civil society organizations, recognizing their essential contributions and ensuring full respect for the right to defend human rights.

The Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention, through its Committee of Experts, makes itself available to the State of Peru for any technical support they may require in this matter.

The Committee of Experts is the technical body of the MESECVI, responsible for the analysis and evaluation of the implementation process of the Convention of Belém do Pará. It is made up of independent Experts, appointed by each of the States Parties from among their nationals, who perform their duties in a personal capacity.