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Submission in response to the [Call for input to the report of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls to the HRC Forms of sex-based violence against women and girls: new frontiers and emerging issues](#).

The Dutch CEDAW Network is an independent network of a core group of Dutch NGOs and several individual experts working on women's human rights in the Netherlands. In addition to this core group, a large number of other NGOs is connected to the network, all lending their expertise.

After consultation of its core group of NGOs and experts, the Dutch CEDAW Network declares to fully endorse the [Joint Statement concerning the Call for Input by the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women and Girls](#) organized and submitted by IPPF and Woman Deliver on behalf of civil society organizations worldwide (28 January 2025).

In short: the Dutch CEDAW Network objects to the use of outdated concept of sex-based violence. In its work the Network adheres to the language of CEDAW's [Generation recommendation No. 35 on Gender Based Violence against Women](#) (CEDAW/C/GC/35, distr. 26 July 2017).

In 2024 the Dutch CEDAW Network drafted two shadow reports on women's rights and gender-based violence: the CEDAW shadow report ['Mind the gap: Addressing Policy Gaps in Women's Rights'](#) was submitted on behalf of 90 Dutch NGOs. The shadow report on the Istanbul Convention

[Building trust by delivering support, protection, and justice](#), a contribution to the first thematic evaluation was submitted on behalf of 63 Dutch NGOs.

The Special Rapporteur is invited to take note of both shadow reports to learn about the broad consensus among NGOs in the Netherlands on certain subjects she wishes to address in her next report to the Human Rights Council.

This submission in pdf can be posted by the mandate on its website.