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on GREVIO's first thematic evaluation report:**

**Building trust by delivering
support, protection and justice**

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Subject

First response GREVIO evaluation 2025

Dear Mrs Nelles,

On July 10, 2025, the Dutch government received the evaluation report on the implementation of the Istanbul Convention. This Council of Europe convention focuses on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence. The specific theme of the evaluation report is: *Building trust by delivering support, protection and justice*. The report was prepared by the *Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence* (GREVIO), the committee of independent experts that monitors compliance with the convention on behalf of the Council of Europe.

The Dutch government would like to express its appreciation for GREVIO's thorough and insightful work. The recommendations from the report offer valuable starting points for critically reflecting on the Dutch approach and for achieving further improvements in the protection of women and other victims of domestic violence.

I am currently working, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and Security and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, on a substantive response that will address the recommendations from the report. This response will be submitted as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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