

NORDIC MODEL NOW!

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cc: Dunja Mijatović, Human Rights Commissioner, Council of Europe

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Dear Madam or Sir

We are dismayed by the 'Human Rights Comment' entitled, 'Protecting the human rights of sex workers',¹ published on 15 February 2024 by the Council of Europe's Human Rights Commissioner, Dunja Mijatović. In essence, it argues **for** the full decriminalisation of prostitution, including of pimps and other third parties who profit from women's prostitution, in direct contravention of Article 6² of CEDAW, and **against** legislative measures aimed at deterring men from buying sex, in direct contravention of Article 9 of the Palermo Protocol.³

Hidden in a footnote is the premise that "sex work is understood as the consensual exchange of sexual services for payment among adults." And there is the rub – because within prostitution "consent" has a very different meaning from the standard socio-legal understanding of it within sexual relationships, where it involves **unconstrained** consent to sexual intimacy.

In prostitution, the (usually male) sex buyer pays (typically) a woman to participate in sexual activity that she would not otherwise countenance. She agrees because she needs the money. Consent is therefore **constrained** and not freely given. Non-compliance by the woman risks loss of payment, violence from the would-be buyer, negative reviews on online sex buyer forums, and/or violence from a pimp or the displeasure of a brothel keeper.

Accepting prostitution as involving meaningful consent therefore changes the understanding of consent to something that can be bought, sold, and coerced. This has profound social consequences – particularly for women. It reduces their status because it is predicated on the

¹ <https://www.coe.int/en/web/commissioner/-/protecting-the-human-rights-of-sex-workers>

² <https://nordicmodelnow.org/facts-about-prostitution/fact-cedaw-requires-countries-to-fight-pimping/>

³ <https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/protocol-prevent-suppress-and-punish-trafficking-persons>

prioritisation of men's desires and women's submission to them. It positions women as second class or even subhuman.

It also invisibilises the poverty, racism, and structural inequality that lead so many women and girls into a position where they have little or no choice but to accept a life of prostitution, and the giant superstructure of third parties feeding off that – estimated in 2013⁴ to be worth more than €100 billion a year globally and no doubt much more now.

This is why we vehemently disagree with the Commissioner's statement and believe that **its publication brings the Council of Europe into disrepute** – particularly as the European Court of Human Rights (the ECHR) is currently considering its decision⁵ in the case of M.A. and others v. France. In England and Wales, such behaviour by a high-ranking official during a criminal trial could be considered contempt of court, which is a very serious matter. Such comments would also be constrained during civil proceedings because of rules against commenting on issues that are 'sub judice'. These rules are designed to protect the independence of the judiciary.

Was the Commissioner's comment an attempt to influence ECHR's decision in the French case? How will the public be reassured that this will not happen? Is that even possible?

The Commissioner states that she consulted with "sex workers across Europe, their representative organisations, relevant international organisations and experts" – but we are not aware of her consulting with any of the many prostitution survivor groups, and organisations and experts who do not support the full decriminalisation of prostitution, nor of any public calls for evidence.

The 'evidence' the Commissioner draws on in her piece is likewise biased. For example, out of 25 references, four are documents by Amnesty International, which formally supports full decriminalisation; one is from La Strada praising Amnesty's policy; three are from the Global Network of Sex Work Projects (NSWP); and one is from Human Rights Watch, which has a similar policy to Amnesty's. In addition there are references to reports by Picum and GAATW that are both funded by the Open Society Foundation, which aggressively funds initiatives⁶ supporting the campaign for full decriminalisation.

There is one reference for the claim that the criminalisation of sex buying **increases** the scale of the sex industry – but it is a study, undertaken in Northern Ireland, that has been shown to have major flaws⁷ that make its conclusions unreliable. There is no reference supporting the claim that full decriminalisation of the industry results in improved safety, social protection and health outcomes. Which is perhaps not surprising given that these results have **not** been

⁴ <https://www.fondationscelles.org/pdf/current-assessment-of-the-state-of-prostitution-2013.pdf>

⁵ [https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/#{%22itemid%22:\[%22001-226443%22\]}](https://hudoc.echr.coe.int/#{%22itemid%22:[%22001-226443%22]})

⁶ <https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1087&context=dignity>

⁷ <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2024/01/16/a-reanalysis-of-the-equality-model-in-northern-ireland/>

demonstrated in New Zealand,⁸ the first country to adopt this approach and one of very few to have done so.

Amnesty International took up the cause of decriminalisation of pimps, brothel owners and sex buyers after Douglas Fox,⁹ a noted pimp, brought a motion for this to the UK Amnesty AGM in 2008 and subsequently encouraged his sex trade associates to join Amnesty to help push the policy through. The NSWPP was led for years by Alejandra Gil, a now convicted sex trafficker. Rather than NSWPP dealing with this appropriately, it doubled down on support for her,¹⁰ condemning her arrest and claiming the Mexican law under which she was convicted incorrectly “conflates sex work and human trafficking” – a trope beloved by the lobby for full decriminalisation that is also repeated by the Commissioner.

Both Douglas Fox and Alejandra Gil described themselves as “sex worker rights activists” and Douglas Fox is known to have called himself a “sex worker”. This illustrates one of the problems with the “sex worker” terminology – it doesn’t just refer to those who have lived experience of prostitution, but also to others who may be involved in practices that do not involve direct physical contact and do not fall under prostitution legislation, along with pimps and brothel keepers (redefined as “managers” and “employers”) as the NSWPP website helpfully explains.¹¹

This begs the question of whom exactly did the Commissioner meet and consult? Does she even know how many of them are actually pimps or in the pockets of pimps? Is listening to both sides not a fundamental principle of the rule of law that the Council of Europe is meant to uphold? Why should the women of Europe be obliged to watch this unaccountable official making statements that are inaccurate, unevidenced and biased on an issue that affects all women but particularly the most marginalised?

We are unequivocal that women involved in prostitution should be decriminalised and that they should have access to high-quality healthcare and support that includes genuine routes out of the industry and viable alternatives for making a living. What the Commissioner recommends, however, is unlikely to lead to this outcome but rather to the expansion of a brutal industry that performs no useful social role, and official acceptance of prostitution as a normal job that women with few other prospects are expected to undertake. Is that a world you really want to live in?

To understand what that would look like in Europe,¹² we need to look at Germany, where a

⁸ <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2023/09/25/what-really-happened-in-new-zealand-after-prostitution-was-decriminalised/>

⁹ <https://thefeministahood.wordpress.com/2015/08/24/what-amnesty-did-wrong/>

¹⁰ <https://www.nswpp.org/news/nswpp-statement-support-alejandra-gil-bad-laws-are-not-the-interest-sex-workers-human-rights>

¹¹ <https://www.nswpp.org/resource/nswpp-statements/criminalisation-third-parties-and-its-impact-sex-workers-human-rights>

¹² <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2022/04/05/decriminalisation-of-the-sex-trade-vs-the-nordic-model-what-you-need-to-know-booklet/>

fully legalised prostitution system has existed since 2002. While not identical to the fully decriminalised system the Commissioner calls for, it has many similarities – not least large brothels operating in plain sight, pimps and brothel keepers being considered respectable businessmen, and buying sex is completely normal – like going to the pub or having a haircut. The result? A huge industry, in which hundreds of thousands of women are trapped in brothels, the majority migrants from Africa, Asia and the poorest regions of Europe, brothels next to McDonald’s restaurants, and something in the region of a million men buying sex in the country every single day. It is now widely recognised that the scale of the industry¹³ is such that effectively policing the rampant sex trafficking is like Canute trying to turn back the tide.

Wouldn’t it be better to hold to account those who buy sex and those who profit from women’s prostitution, with the ultimate aim of bringing the entire system to an end? This approach is called the Nordic or Equality Model¹⁴ and results from Sweden, France and Ireland are promising – as the Commissioner would have found if she had undertaken unbiased research.

This is the model that the centre-right coalition in the German Bundestag now supports as they have come to recognise the profound harms of the German system. They are supported in this by Professors Ulrich Rommelfanger and Elke Mack, two legal academics, who argue that¹⁵ the rhetoric about women’s right to autonomy and agency is not reflected in reality for most women caught up in the system and nor can the system guarantee it. They conclude that the system does not conform to the German Constitution – and presumably not to the European Convention on Human Rights either.

We therefore urge the Council of Europe to repudiate the Commissioner’s statement and to arrange visits to Sweden, France and Ireland to investigate the thinking behind, and outcomes of, their Nordic Model systems and to compare that with the reality in Germany. We also urge the Council to take measures to ensure that the ECHR has not been influenced by the Commissioner’s statement and to ensure that such a thing cannot happen again.

For a more detailed analysis of the Commissioner’s comment, please see: Hubris at the Council of Europe: ‘Protecting the human rights of sex workers’.¹⁶

Yours sincerely

Nordic Model Now! and the following organisations and individuals

¹³ <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2021/03/09/german-ex-police-officer-demolishes-common-arguments-against-the-nordic-model/>

¹⁴ <https://nordicmodelnow.org/what-is-the-nordic-model/>

¹⁵ <https://www.uni-erfurt.de/en/research/news/publications/publikation-detail/sexkauf>

¹⁶ <https://nordicmodelnow.org/2024/02/24/hubris-at-the-council-of-europe-protecting-the-human-rights-of-sex-workers/>

Organisations

Organisations, international

1. **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women**
2. **European Network of Migrant Women**
3. **ICASM. International Coalition for the abolition of Surrogate Motherhood**

Organisations, United Kingdom

4. **A Model for Scotland**
5. **Build a Girl UK**
6. **CEASE**
7. **DGLG:Advocates for children & safeguarding**
8. **FiLiA**
9. **For Women Scotland**
10. **Glasgow Tactical Feminists**
11. **Justice for Women**
12. **Labour Women's Declaration**
13. **Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre**
14. **Leeds ReSisters**
15. **Leeds Spinners**
16. **Male Allies Challenging Sexism**
17. **Men At Work**
18. **Northern RadFem Network**
19. **Norwich Women's Rights Group**
20. **Not Buying It**
21. **Not for Sale Scotland**
22. **Older Feminist Network**
23. **Parents Watch Education Glasgow**
24. **Radfem Collective**
25. **Rooms of our Own. As long as men can buy women's bodies we will never have equality**
26. **Scary Little Girls**
27. **Sisters Salon BWLC. We need a cultural shift away from the dehumanisation of women & girls, to a safer society.**
28. **SOHTIS**
29. **Soroptimist International of Sheffield**
30. **Stop Surrogacy Now UK**
31. **The Femicide Census**
32. **The Judith Trust**
33. **The Reward Foundation**
34. **Women Worldwide Advancing Freedom & Equality (WAAFE)**
35. **Women's Declaration International UK**

- 36. Women's Support Project (Scotland)**
- 37. Women's Voices Matter**
- 38. YES Matters UK**
- 39. You My Sister**
- 40. Gloucestershire Women's Liberation Collective**
- 41. Leicester Soroptimist Club**
- 42. nia**
- 43. Vox Feminarum: Women's Voices**

Organisations, Austria

- 44. Stoppt Leihmutterschaft**
- 45. Verein Feministischer Diskurs**
- 46. KAVOD. Holistic help for victims of sexual exploitation.**

Organisations, Belgium

- 47. Cupidon**
- 48. isala asbl**
- 49. European Center of the international council of women (ECICW)**

Organisations, Bulgaria

- 50. Bulgarian Platform European Women's Lobby**

Organisations, Croatia

- 51. Centre for Women War Victims - ROSA**
- 52. PETRA. Network of NGO's for the Prevention and Elimination of Trafficking in Women for the Purpose of Sexual Exploitation**
- 53. Women's Network of Croatia**

Organisations, Cyprus

- 54. Cyprus Women's Lobby**
- 55. Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies**

Organisations, Estonia

- 56. femLENS**

Organisations, France

- 57. Collectif CAPP. Porn and Prostitution survivor activists.**
- 58. CQFD lesbiennes feministes**

- 59. **Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir.** FDFa alerts on prostitution of young disabled girls, “sex buyers” taking advantage of their limited comprehension of what is going on, they do not know always the limits between care and sexual abuses especially with autistic women.
- 60. **FONDATION SCELLES.** The Fondation Scelles is an observatory about prostitution since 30 years.
- 61. **Ligue du Droit International des Femmes**
- 62. **Photosentinels**
- 63. **REGARDS DE FEMMES**
- 64. **Regards de femmes**
- 65. **RESEAU FEMINISTE “RUPTURES”.** Our organisation promotes the Nordic model.
- 66. **Réussir l’Egalité Femmes-Hommes**

Organisations, Germany

- 67. **Buendnis Nordisches Modell.** Germany has been following a policy of legalizing the prostitution market for over 20 years. This policy has failed because it is increasingly worsening the situation of prostituted women while it is benefiting pimps and sex buyers. A legalized prostitution market leads to serious human rights violations.
- 68. **Netzwerk Ella.** [Survivor testimony for the SR VAWG’s report on violence against women and prostitution.](#)
- 69. **Radfem Berlin**
- 70. **SISTERS - for the Exit from Prostitution! e.V.**
- 71. **SOLWODI Deutschland e.V.**
- 72. **Trauma and Prostitution.** ‘Trauma and Prostitution’ is a network of German scientists from the fields of medicine, psychology and psycho-traumatology who offer medical and therapeutic help to women in prostitution. We count over 200 experts and we are in favor of introducing the Nordic Model. Prostitution cannot be described as work, as it is highly traumatizing. Prostitution destroys people. Prostitution is serious violence. To call prostitution ‘sexual service’ is to cover up the violence. It is an attitude that contributes to women slipping into a life of violence that they can hardly escape. Prostitution can and should neither be framed as work nor as an opportunity. Buying sex must not be allowed.

Organisations, Ireland

- 73. **Radicailín – Radical Feminists Ireland**
- 74. **Ruhama**
- 75. **The Sexual Exploitation Research Programme (SERP)**
- 76. **Women’s and Children’s Coalition**

Organisations, Italy

- 77. **Amici di Lazzaro OdV**

- 78. Associazione Aura**
- 79. Associazione Dorad.** Stop the demand for sexual services now!
- 80. Associazione Iroko Onlus**
- 81. Nuova Società Futura per i diritti di donne, madri e minori**
- 82. Resistenza Femminista**

Organisations, Netherlands

- 83. Mighty impulse movement**
- 84. ProVrouw**
- 85. Voorzij**

Organisations, Poland

- 86. Bez Association.** We deserve freedom from prostitution and male violence.
- 87. Stowarzyszenie Bez Mizoginii, Wyzysku, Przemocy**

Organisations, Romania

- 88. Aidrom-Ecumenical Asociation of Churches in Romania**
- 89. Open Door Foundation**
- 90. People to People Foundation Oradea**

Organisations, Slovenia

- 91. Society Kljuc – Centre for fight against THB**

Organisations, Spain

- 92. Asociación Liberata**
- 93. Associació de Dones La Frontissa**
- 94. Cambera Feminista**
- 95. Casal Popular d'Atzeneta del Maestrat**
- 96. Emargi.** A social project that fights for a future free of sexual exploitation
- 97. State Federation of Abolitionist Women of Spain FEMAB**

Organisations, Sweden

- 98. Foundation 1000 Opportunities/ 1000 Möjligheter**
- 99. Hand in Hand for Women**
- 100. Institute for Feminism & Human Rights**
- 101. Kvinnofronten**
- 102. The Swedish Women's Lobby**
- 103. Unizon**
- 104. Women's Baltic Peacebuilding Initiative**

105. **Free Green Women.** I like the Nordic model as a former member of the Swedish Police board.

Organisations, Switzerland

106. **End Demand Switzerland**

Organisations, Ukraine

107. **Centre of Gender Culture**

108. **Democracy Development Center**

109. **Volyn Press Club**

Organisations, Israel

110. **Voices of Israeli Sex Trade Survivors.** Like almost all organizations of sex trade survivors, we find calling our trauma and abuse ‘work’ cynical and harmful.

Organisations, Australia

111. **City Women**

112. **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Australia**

113. **FINRRAGE (Australia).** Only the Nordic Model presents a chance for prostituted women to leave the industry.

114. **International Network for Incarcerated Girls and Women**

115. **Liberal Party of South Australia; South Australian Parliament**

116. **Women Ending Exploitation by Prostitution Inc.** WEEP exists to support women who are survivors of prostitution. We oppose decriminalisation as this model expands the sex industry and by implication trafficking. Pimps, brothel owners and those who profit from this abuse must be criminalised. We support many women who are recovering from the destructive nature of the sex trade. Women in the sex trade need to be decriminalised and offered exit pathways to provide accommodation, trauma recovery and financial help. Societal attitudes must change to see the sex trade not as acceptable work but as violence against women. These are the principles of the Equality model which has been proven to decrease demand and assist women to recover. This is the model which the Council of Europe should adopt.

117. **Coalition Against Trafficking in Women Australia**

118. **Equality Model Australia Coalition**

Organisations, Canada

119. **BRAVE Education for Trafficking Prevention.** I’d also like to add our commitment to prevention education to protect children. We can help prevent children from being recruited as traffickers, buyers or being trafficked through empowering education.

- 120. **Persons Against Non-State Torture.** Pimps and buyers inflict non-State torture (NST) onto women in prostitution which causes grave suffering.
- 121. **VCASE**
- 122. **Saskatchewan Medical Cannabis Association**

Organisations, New Zealand

- 123. **Oceania Freedom Network**
- 124. **Wahine Toa Rising**

Organisations, South Africa

- 125. **Survivor Exit Fountain.** I am a survivor sex trafficked into prostitution and am still looking for healing and housing and support. Then my justice.

Organisations, United States of America

- 126. **Alternative Solutions**
- 127. **Dance Awareness: No Child Exploited DA: NCE)**
- 128. **Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence**
- 129. **Exodus Cry**
- 130. **Momentum Is Ours (Social Impact)**
- 131. **No One For Sale**
- 132. **PACT by ECPAT-USA**
- 133. **Sex Trade Survivor Caucus**
- 134. **Sierra Cares Foundation**
- 135. **Sisters in Solidarity**
- 136. **Survivors for Solutions**
- 137. **The Enitan Story**
- 138. **Traffick Refuge.** I am a Neurodevelopment Coach and childhood exploitation survivor.
- 139. **Wealth Management Ministries – Prevention Works Joint Task Force and Coalition.**
- 140. **Women Graduates-USA, Inc.** This is a core issue of our organizational work.

Individuals

United Kingdom

- 1. A Mehra
- 2. Aileen Fleming. Decriminalisation of pimps, brothels and buying of sex will increase the risk of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking.
- 3. Alan Caton OBE
- 4. Aleksandra Kovacevic

5. Alexandra Dickenson
6. Alexandria S. As someone with lived experience in the sex “industry”, I am lending my voice against this. Full decriminalisation in an era where misogyny is on the rise, and economic inequality grows ever deeper is a surefire route to creating a generation of traumatised and trafficked women who won’t even have the language to articulate the suffering they will endure just to survive. A clear message needs to be sent about this. That men who pay to rape women will not be tolerated. That is what it is. Prostitution is paying to rape. And that women who are forced through circumstance or other means into this horrible industry can find a way out. I live in an area where several prostituted women were brutally murdered. This was done by a John who was well known. Full decriminalisation gives the worst kind of men access to the most vulnerable of women. It should not be tolerated in any decent society.
7. Alexis Holmes. Women should never be for sale.
8. Alice Bondi
9. Alison Batts
10. Alison Jenner. CEDAW, Istanbul and the Convention on Human Rights demand that the pimps, panders and proprietors of brothels be prevented from exploiting women and allowing the trafficking and rape of underage girls.
11. Alison Orr
12. Alison Simmons
13. Alison Teal. I am a psychologist who works with women who’ve experienced abuse and trauma, some as a result of prostitution. The impact is lifelong and many have said they were too young, too financially and socially vulnerable to understand what they were getting involved in. They variously describe themselves as having feelings of being betrayed, exploited and expendable. It is extremely hard to rebuild a sense of self-worth after being bought and sold. The women commonly suffer from PTSD, depression and anxiety.
14. Alison Wren
15. Alix Goldring
16. Alix O’Hanlon-Alexandra
17. Amanda Gee
18. Amanda Stones
19. Amy Poole
20. Amy Sutton
21. Andrea Jackson
22. Andy Pearce
23. Angela Jukes
24. Angela Neillis. Prostitution is an act undertaken by women who have no alternative and as an act of desperation, putting themselves in extremely vulnerable positions. Decriminalising prostitution plays into the hands of many of those who would continue to harm these women.
25. Ann Hall

26. Ann Hayne. I work in the field of gender-based violence and the position by the Commissioner is untenable if operating within a human rights model for women and girls.
27. Ann Moran
28. Ann Whitehurst. We do not allow ‘consent’ to Torture yet this is allowing consent to torture rape abuse for prostituted women forced by poverty, drug addiction and fear of men who control them. Women’s human-rights need the Nordic Model. A civilised society would not allow males to torture women for money. It corrupts all males and degrades all females
29. Anna Fisher
30. Anna Lockhart
31. Anna Read
32. Anna Scantlebury
33. Anna Sigalou
34. Anna Zobnina
35. Anne Brown. I have a friend who worked as a stripper in a lap dance club in Edinburgh and a friend who was a bouncer in a different lap dancing club. They were both damaged by their experiences.
36. Anne Dean. As a community nurse of 35 years experience, I was witness to the suffering of women with lived experience as prostitutes who had suffered violence and abuse from men because of the lack of protection and the total control these men had over them. This suffering was a permanent feature of their existence, with physical damage and psychological trauma a constant reminder of their earlier years in this so called ‘profession’.
37. Anne James
38. Anne Johnson
39. Anne Martin
40. Anne Stafford
41. Anne Teahan. I belong to the Women’s Rights Network, Haringey & Islington. They have been researching the dangers and exploitation of vulnerable, trafficked women and girls through prostitution. I am persuaded that male violence escalates when pimping receives official support. I am persuaded that the Nordic model is the best option for women.
42. Annette Lawson
43. Anthea Economides
44. Athari Hesham
45. Audrey Cameron
46. Barbara Rassi
47. Barbara Scott
48. Barrie de Lara
49. Belstaffie. Feminists from Northern RadFem Network supported the Holbeck resident led “punter of the week” campaign, in Leeds Managed Approach to on street prostitution. They would publish the details of the john and his car on X. No other feminist group

would do that. It was to deter men seeking sexual abuse, from visiting Holbeck. Belstaffie a retired sex offender specialist went under cover in Holbeck for three weeks, to expose the men who buy rape, with residents' groups. Her hard hitting article was published by Uncommon Ground Media. "Holbeck: Drowning Not Swimming" in 2022.

50. Bernadtte O'Malley

51. Beth Vaughan

52. Bethan Stevenson

53. Bev White

54. Beverley Siddle

55. Bill Sanderson

56. Brigitte Lechner

57. Brooke Labagh

58. C Dix

59. C Foster

60. Carina Westling

61. Carmen Birbeck

62. Carmen Tevar Igarza

63. Carol A Fraser

64. Carol Bailey

65. Carole Murphy

66. Caroline Ayerst

67. Caroline Hardman

68. Caroline McCready

69. Caroline Spry

70. Carolyne McKinlay

71. Carrie Jarvis

72. Cath Allen

73. Catherine bann

74. Catherine Dyson

75. Catherine Griffith

76. Catherine Mills

77. Catherine Storrie

78. Cathy Groves

79. Cecilia Greenwood

80. Ceri Williams

81. Charlie Hatton

82. Charlotte Delaney

83. Charlotte Revely

84. Cheryl Inwood

85. Chris Green. For 4 years I was an Expert member of the Council of Europe Panel for combatting violence against women and girls. As part of that I had the honour of addressing the full parliamentary assembly, as well as presenting concerning the

importance of men challenging men's behaviour to a number of member nations. As such I am very saddened at having to sign this letter. The CoE knows better than this. The last paragraph of our letter puts it in a nutshell.

86. Chris Hall
87. Christina ruck
88. Christine Fraser
89. Christopher Bird
90. Christopher Gooch
91. claire
92. Claire Brierley
93. Claire jones. Prostitution harms woman and girls and I work with many woman that have been hailed in this awful industry. Decriminalisation is not the way to go as many more woman and girls will be harmed. If anything this terrible industry should be abolished and no human should be able to purchase another human for sexual gratification as this is so harmful!
94. Claire Loneragan
95. Claire Roberts
96. Clare B Dimyon MBE Human Rights. I wholeheartedly endorse the remarks about "consent". If a woman is at economic disadvantage, how can this be true consent?
97. Clare Moorman
98. Clare Perry
99. Clare Wischhusen. Decriminalisation of prostitution only leads to more abuse and exploitation of even greater numbers of vulnerable women. This is an urgent issue of women's human rights. Nordic model now.
100. Clarrie O'Callaghan
101. Claudine Roberts
102. Cordelia Mayfield
103. Corrine Streetly. It's so obvious a great many women need protection from pimps.
104. D Gourley
105. Daniel Salisbury
106. Daphne CAwthorne
107. Darryl Mead
108. David Battersby
109. David Goldsmith
110. David Will
111. Dawn Furness
112. Dawn Susan
113. Dawn Titmus
114. Debbie Hilley
115. Debbie Waldon. Prostitution is torture and sexual abuse. Women need help to exit prostitution and we need to see an end to this vile practice. End Prostitution Now.
116. Deborah Ryan. I support the campaign by Nordic Model Now!

117. Debra Cooper
118. Debra Lambert
119. Dee Sheehan. The experience of Germany shows this measure increases the power of all those who exploit women in prostitution and makes the situation worse for those women. Please recommend the Nordic Model instead.
120. Denisa S. I am a survivor. Prostitution is VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
121. Denise Marshall
122. Denise Stones
123. Diana Bailey
124. Diane Martin CBE. As a Survivor of prostitution and Trafficking and a practitioner supporting women to exit the sex trade for over 30 years I condemn any attempt to decriminalise the entire system of prostitution which remains exploitative and violent.
125. Doma Hipperson
126. Dorothea Annison
127. Dr Angela Mansi
128. Dr Jacqui Stoye. I am the Secretary of the Cross-Party Group for Commercial Sexual Exploitation in the Scottish Parliament. I have campaigned for the abolition of prostitution for 20 years. The Palermo Protocol and the Home Office state quite clearly that a person cannot consent to their own exploitation. There is no clearer evidence that I know that prostitution is exploitation of the most cruel and violent kind.
Decriminalisation of this appalling mental, physical and emotional violence is not akin to slavery, it is slavery.
129. Dr Jocelynne A. Scutt
130. Dr Judith Dodds
131. Dr Judy Puddifoot MRCVS
132. Dr K Souper
133. EJ Lucas
134. Eka Thomson
135. elaine smith
136. Eleanor Hill
137. Elena Joseph
138. Elisabeth Bray
139. Elisabeth Macdonald
140. Elise Smith
141. Elizabeth Dawes. The situation in German-speaking countries e.g. Germany, Austria and Switzerland (non-EU) degrades women – colleagues joked about buying sex in the same way that one would talk about buying a hamburger. Dehumanises women and makes it feel unsafe when walking near areas where brothels are operating.
142. Elizabeth Fleming
143. Elizabeth Gordon
144. Elizabeth James
145. Elizabeth Purslow

146. Ellie Evans. I'm mother of daughters. Prostitution is not a careers choice that I want them being given at school. The timing of this support by the Council of Europe is very suspicious.
147. Emily Brearley. Prostitution is slavery.
148. Emily Ceraudo
149. Emily Collins
150. Emily Husain. Decriminalisation of prostitution on the basis that sex work is simply the exchange of money for services by "consenting" adults disappears the obvious harm that the women and children experience and entrenches inequality between the sexes.
151. Emily Weir. My grandmother survived the Semarang Incident and would be horrified to see supposedly progressive governments supporting the same "comfort woman" policy that brutalised her and her friends.
152. Emma Bateman
153. Emma Brown
154. Emma Dolan
155. Emma Hynes
156. Emma Leckey-Jamison
157. Emma MacLeod
158. Emma Thomson Smith
159. Ester Benzaquén
160. Eva Lamb
161. Evelyn Strasburger
162. Fiona Broadfoot
163. Fiona English
164. Fiona Fenn-Smith
165. Fiona Montgomery
166. Gael Cochrane
167. Gayle Maciver
168. Gemma Aitchison. The sexual objectification of women and girls is directly linked with violence against women and girls.
169. Georgia Hayden
170. Georgina Pugh
171. Georgina sheepy
172. Gerardine Murphy
173. Giulia Lima Bianchi
174. Glorya Cook. Women and children need to be protecting from this form of sexual violence.
175. Guadalupe Rodríguez
176. Gwen Barton
177. Gwynedd Baker
178. H Rendall
179. Haddock Lynda

180. Hannah Corlett
181. Hazel Tarragon
182. Heather Finlay
183. Heather Warwick
184. Helen Bishop
185. Helen Clough
186. Helen Donaldson
187. Helen Dow
188. Helen Gibson
189. Helen Gough
190. Helen Manson
191. Helen Provan
192. Helen Ridsdale
193. Helen Rogers. Criminalise the pimps and buyers, not the women and vulnerable young men and children exploited by them.
194. Helen Smith
195. Helen St Luce. I grew up around the sexploitation industry in Europe so I know its true face. Anything but the Nordic Model dehumanises & exploits vulnerable women and is therefore is an attack on women's human rights.
196. Helen Steel
197. Helen Thompson
198. Helen Watts
199. Helen Webster
200. Helen Whiteside
201. Helene Loizides-Dickson
202. Hilary McCollum
203. Hilary Ratcliffe
204. Ilana Lindsey
205. Irena Fick
206. Isabel Teare
207. Jacinta Cooke
208. Jackie Segell
209. Jacqueline Hurst
210. Jacqueline Jackson. I live and work in the middle of the UKs first decriminalised zone. It was a resounding disaster, causing major issues for local people whilst it was in operation, with schoolgirls being abused and targetted by kerb crawlers on a daily basis, and businesses affected.
211. Jacqueline McMillan
212. Jacqui Gath. Trade in human beings for the purposes of sex is dehumanising and exploitative. Both pimps and purchasers should be criminalised.
213. Jan Baxter
214. Jan Macleod

215. Jane Ayres
216. Jane May Morrison
217. Jane Powell
218. Jane Roffe
219. Jane Stephen
220. Jane Wallsworth
221. Jane Yettram
222. Janice Hayward – Thornton. Raise our children to have self-respect, as well as for others, “The Golden Rule”.
223. Jaye Nolan
224. Jayne Gill. Some years ago I naively thought that decriminalisation of prostitution might be a positive step, overall. I worked in court as a Legal Adviser and was dismayed at the number of exploited women (aka prostitutes) who came before the Magistrates and were fined for ‘soliciting’. Prostitution seemed all too inevitable and I wanted the Criminal Justice system to stop criminalising the women who were being exploited. (To say nothing of the thought that they would need to see another ‘client’ in order to pay the fine.). Now, I believe that the buyers of sex and the pimps should be criminalised and that the Nordic model is the only way forward.
225. Jean Hatchet
226. Jeannie Mackenzie
227. Jenn Stark
228. Jennifer Forsyth. The sex industry is de-humanising with a ripple effect throughout society. Enough.
229. Jennifer Gourley
230. Jennifer Masterton
231. Jennifer Smith
232. jennifer todd
233. Jenny Dingsdale
234. Jenny Harker. I work with survivors of commercial sexual exploitation and have 24 years of experience working as an Occupational Therapist in a mental health NHS Trust. The buying of sex needs to be criminalised and those who sell sex need to not be victimised and proper support offered for them to make viable choices for their physical and mental wellbeing.
235. Jenny Reilly
236. Jess Smith
237. Jessica Goldfinch. When I grow up, I want to be a prostitute or pimp; said no young girl or boy ever.
238. Jessica Ray. I know women who have escaped prostitution and they would agree with every word of this letter from Nordic Model Now. ‘Sex work’ is a horrible lie. Prostitution is simply abuse and slavery of women and girls, whatever nice names you choose to hide it under.
239. Jessica Smith

240. Jessica Winkler
241. Jessie May Peters
242. Jill leigh
243. Jill Raymond
244. Jillian Ncol
245. Jo Bentley
246. Jo Black
247. Jo Bradburn
248. Jo Bradley. Having worked in an office that was located in the Red Light District of a major British city I am absolutely horrified that the CoE would be proposing decriminalisation of pimps and buyers of sex. It is clear to anyone with eyes and half a brain that most of the women engaged in this work are desperate and many of them have associated problems with drugs and drink. For those of us working in offices in the nearby streets, the knock on effects were horrendous. We were regularly stopped by men in cars as we walked from the office at night, asking us if we were selling sex, and when told 'no' they could become very abusive. It was terrifying and degrading for us, I cannot imagine how much worse for the women actually involved in prostitution. This proposed law change will endanger all women and girls and further erode what few social norms remain that keep the worst aspects of the male libido under control. German experience shows this is a disastrous idea: how dare you try to impose this on other countries too?
249. Jo Surma
250. Joan Skinner
251. Joanna Cockerill
252. Joanna Dunnington
253. Joanna Young. In my working life with women and girls experiencing violence and abuse, I came across a number of women forced into prostitution by partners. These women were not freely consenting and risked further abuse both from their clients and partner/pimp if they didn't comply with any form of sexual activity. Whilst studying for my MA in criminology, I found research into the mental health of prostituted women which found that the majority of women in prostitution fitted the diagnostic criteria for PTSD. There is also an increasing body of research that suggests that women in prostitution have a greater chance of traumatic brain injury than war veterans. Added to this, there is lots of research that demonstrates that prostituted women are at risk of a number of psychological and physical injuries far greater than other legitimate forms of 'work'. It appears to me that the CoE Human Rights Commissioner, Dunja Mijatović, doesn't appear to have considered the harm that working in this industry does to women. I have witnessed the enduring damage done to women and now consider that the prostitution industry is not 'empowering' but a form of MVAWG, male violence against women and girls.
254. Joanne Fretwell
255. Jocelyn Bailey

256. Joelle Calnan. Working as a social worker I encountered a number of women who had or were engaged in prostitution. Not one I have ever encountered is this false image of an empowered woman, choosing to engage in consensual sex as work. They were invariably vulnerable women who had experienced abuse and neglect, were of low socioeconomic status, recovering from or going through substance misuse issues as a way of self-medicating trauma. Children were often impacted. Prostitution is not a ‘choice’ in the sense I make a free choice to walk to the left or to the right. These choices are often made through the lens of poverty and trauma and it is appalling that you wish to pretend that is not the case.
257. Jonty Needham. A family member has worked with trafficked victims. It's horrific. If pimping isn't illegal, nothing should be.
258. Josephine Bartosch
259. Josie martinez
260. Joy Sturgess
261. Joy Wood
262. Joyce
263. Judith Rumgay
264. Judith Wright
265. Julia Robinson
266. Julian Whitley
267. Julie Smith
268. Juliette O'Grady
269. Karen Ingala Smith
270. Karen Smith
271. Kasha
272. Kate Alexander
273. Kate Buchanan
274. Kate McCormack
275. Kate Williams
276. Katherine Adewumi
277. Katherine Browne
278. Kathlynn Ireland
279. Kathryn Wood
280. Kathy Fletcher
281. Katie
282. Katie Matthews
283. Katie T. I have a long history of working in prostitution and have suffered the detrimental effects.
284. Kay Lawrence
285. Kay Warbrick. As an ex social worker I have experience of childhood abuse and its relationship to getting drawn into prostitution.
286. Kaye Talvilahti

287. Kerry McCranor
288. Kerryann Lund
289. Kevin Murphy
290. Kim cadden
291. Kiran Sharma
292. Kirsten Lamb
293. KT corrigan
294. Lacy Schnieders
295. Laetitia Pichevin-Harrison
296. Laila Namdarkhan. Women being sold to ‘random’ men for sexual purposes up to 12 times+ a day is sanctified RAPE. For any state to support and sanctify the Rape of any woman or girl is a state violation of their Human Rights. Normalising women being sold for sexual purpose is NOT a job it’s a violation of women as a sex class and often leads to drug & alcohol addiction, depression, poverty, all forced on them by Pimps. Suicide rates among this category of women is very high. NORDIC model returns women’s lives to dignity and security prosecutes rape buyers and those who sell women to men for rape. In a modern civilised society the notion that women sold for sex is ‘a choice and a job’ is inhuman and utterly abhorrent. EU must not endorse this Rapist charter... it will not protect women and girls but rather endorses that once money is paid a Man and has bought something He can do as he likes with the purchase. Such ideas are that of Slave and Master.... NORDIC model seeks to Abolish such State Slavery!
297. Larissa Thompson
298. Laura Brophy-Savage
299. Laura Gustine
300. Lauren Leeman
301. Lea
302. lesley mclarty. I have NEVER known a wealthy prostituted woman. ALL have been financially poor, have suffered varying types of abuse throughout their lives ranging from CSA, physical abuse, neglect and often familial estrangement. There should be ZERO decriminalisation for the men who exploit these victims’ poverty & vulnerability, nor for the brothel keepers or the violent men who pimp women out for the sexually deviant pleasures of men who view women like slabs of meat to coercively rape. ONLY the sexually exploited & prostituted wo/men should be decriminalised. Abhorrent to have the CoE urging the wholesale abuse & exploitation of women- with ZERO consequences for the abusers of them. This should NOT happen.
303. Lesley Sharpe
304. Libby Fowkes
305. Linda Craig
306. Linda Oubridge BA (hons)
307. Liz pitt
308. Liz Proudfoot
309. Lorraine Simpson

310. Louise Branch
311. Louise McDermott
312. Louise Somerville. The comments made by Dunja Mijatović are actively harmful towards women and girls. Legalised prostitution can lead to school girls being propositioned on the street, to families having to walk past people having sex. Prostitution is paid rape, and a sign of society's failure to adequately provide for women and girls.
313. Lynda Haughney
314. Lynn Alderson. I am a long term campaigner for women's rights and this will not protect women who have been trafficked and prostituted. It will legitimise their exploitation.
315. M Higgins
316. M Huggins
317. M Osner
318. M.C Addison
319. Maggie Cole
320. Margaret Egrot
321. Margaret Green
322. Margaret Manning
323. Margaret Page
324. Marie-Louise Irvine
325. Marina Fontenla
326. Marion Fallon
327. Marjory Robertson
328. Marjory Smith
329. Marlyn Glen
330. Mary C Smith. I fully support the contents of this Open Letter.
331. Mary Curran
332. Mary Denis
333. Mary Meehan
334. Maura Wilson
335. Maureen Coffey
336. Maureen O'Hara
337. Megan Forbes
338. Melanie Buila
339. Micaela Meloni
340. Michael Conroy
341. Michele Cooke
342. Michelle Williams
343. Miranda Livermore. Again, the Council of Europe are failing to recognise women's rights, and putting men's wishes first. The sex industry is the main reason for trafficking of women and girls. Full decriminalisation shows support for this. Many brothels act in a way that violates ECHR Articles 3 and 4 and countries with decriminalisation have

demonstrated an inability to prevent this. For reason alone the ECtHR should not support this and consider models such as the Nordic Model.

344. Miranda Yardley
345. Miriam Clemente Rodenas
346. Miriam Yagud. Sex work is NOT work and rarely consensual.
347. Miss Paige P Thompson
348. Monica Bijok
349. Monika Neall
350. Morven Magari
351. Naomi Jones
352. Natalie Robertson BA (Hons) PGCH
353. Nathalie Kail
354. Neia Glynn. I work with men who tell me their side of the free access to sex that they have encountered. It has not left them happy or feeling good about themselves. It is a short-term fix to a bigger issue and leaves them unlikely to look at the reasons behind their desire for paid-for and short-term gain sex. It means that they do not look at their relationships, what is going wrong with them or why they cannot find one. Ultimately, if this goes ahead, we will see more men presenting with sex addiction, more destroyed relationships and more people feeling bad about themselves as the availability leads to addictive behaviours. When societies make things that should be hard won freely accessible, the chances of seeing addiction multiply. Please, let's not make this happen.
355. Nichola Brown
356. Nicola
357. Nicola Kerry
358. Nina Humphries
359. Owen Hennessy
360. pamelabircumshaw
361. Pamela Nolan
362. Patricia Byrne
363. Paul Koshy
364. Pen Lindsay
365. Peter Blackledge
366. Philip Coghill
367. Portia Tung
368. Professor Alison Wakefield, criminologist
369. Professor Kathleen Richardson
370. Professor Richard Byng. As medical doctor working with homeless populations and people in contact with the criminal justice system I have seen countless situations where individuals feel coerced into being retraumatised through prostitution to gain money or drugs or housing.
371. Rachel
372. Rachel King

373. Rae Evans. I have experience the devastating impact that addiction to the use of prostituted can have on a family's relationships and finances.
374. Rahni Binjie
375. Rebecca Cluett
376. Rebecca Mordan
377. Rebecca Mott. I am an exited woman, from many aspects of indoors prostitution. I now fight for full abolition of the sex trade.
378. Rebecca Panting
379. Rebecca Pennington
380. Rebecca Sills
381. Regina Teahan
382. Robbie Spence. I support Nordic Model Now! I disagree with the view that sex work is work. The insides of someone's body (male or female) do not constitute a legitimate workplace.
383. Robert Pennington
384. Rod Hough
385. Romal Cardoza
386. Rona Stewart. Prostitution is slavery, abuse and violence, one only needs to look at what happened in Germany. Look at the Nordic Model Now website to see the stories of abuse from women.
387. Rosalie Smith
388. Rose Frain
389. Rose Reeve
390. Rose Seabury
391. Rosemary Pharo
392. Rosemary Whyte
393. Roy Cogo
394. Ruby Lescott
395. Rukshana Afia
396. Ruth Wilkinson
397. S Buchanan
398. S Green
399. S. Perry
400. Sally Jackson
401. Sally Ring
402. Sally Wright. Decriminalisation reduces the protections for trafficked women and children and only benefits those exploiting them.
403. Samantha Conley
404. Samantha Haycock
405. Samantha Oberg
406. Sandra McNeill
407. Sara Barnes

408. Sara Mai
409. Sara Wade-Vuletic. I work with survivors of sexual abuse and see how the circumstances of women and girls, as well as men and boys leads to their exploitation - initially believing that selling sexual services is legitimate or regulated and thinking they will be treated fairly and protected. They soon are trapped in a vicious cycle, made worse by attitudes that promote sex work as a job like any other, and quickly become stuck a living nightmare incredibly difficult and traumatising to endure and even harder to escape. In 2024 we must not allow society to tell one group in society that they can be commodified and sold off for the sexual subjugation and gratification of another and not work toward actual and durable solutions to women's poverty and oppression.
410. Sarah. I'm a survivor of trafficking for the purposes of sexual exploitation.
411. Sarah Barratt
412. Sarah Crofts
413. Sarah Gellner
414. Sarah Illingworth
415. Sarah Quick
416. Sarah Scott Webb
417. Sarah Sharkey
418. Sarah Spanton
419. Sarah Walker
420. Selina Wallis
421. Serena. Prostitution in the family
422. Shabanah Fazal
423. Sharon Allen
424. Sharon Stanfield
425. Sheila Jeffreys
426. Sheila O'Reilly. Who does this change benefit in life? Men or women? Men. So, why are women and their bodies being offered forth for the brutality of sex trafficking to satisfy the despicable deviant sexual appetites of men?
427. Shirley Briggs
428. Shirley MacWilliam
429. Shona McCormick
430. Sian. I am a survivor of prostitution. This letter encompasses everything I feel about the current push to regard prostitution as 'work'. Prostitution is designed to remove human rights from the woman being sold. You are being paid to have no rights – no right to say no, no right to safety or security (because prostitution buyers are never expected to show legal proof of who they are of health status to show they're 'clean'). Prostitution is the negation of human rights. You cannot 'protect the human rights of "sex workers"' because we have none and will never be given any no matter what idiotic legalisation and happy pandering the media and politicians do. Women with human rights do not choose to be involved in prostitution, they choose other jobs where they are treated like humans with actual rights. Decriminalising prostitution simply applauds men for treating a certain

class of women as non-human, as a simple puppet to do as requested or else. It will not improve human rights but will further remove them by encouraging the attitude in men and expanding the industry.

431. Simon White
432. Siobhan Paterson
433. Siobhan Shann. I am a doctor who worked in sexual health clinics. Sex workers are very vulnerable and very rarely are able to fully consent.
434. Siobhan Spencer
435. Sonia Gallego
436. Sorrel Weaver
437. Spencer Fitz-Gibbon
438. Steve Rawbone
439. Steven Ryan
440. Stuart Hartill
441. Sue Morrison
442. Sue Peters
443. Sue Riley
444. Susan Harrison
445. Susan Jones
446. Susan McDonnell
447. Susan Millership
448. Susan Moffat. I worked in public health for many years. The prostitution of women is violence.
449. Susan Smith
450. Susan Wainwright
451. Suzanne Malyon. The Nordic model is the only option to deal with prostitution that has any humanity.
452. Tabitha Kinsey Wright
453. Tamara S
454. Tamsin S. I am an ex-prostitute (groomed at 14) and alarmed at this development. Prostitution is abusive and harmful and we should be making it more difficult for men to access, not easier
455. Tara Easton
456. Tara Ward Ammoun. I am a School Governor with responsibility over the governance of safeguarding of children in our schools. In my experience, the safety of children and families are hugely impacted by parental involvement in prostitution and a system which further enables this and fails to punish abusers, leads to even greater threats to child safety.
457. Teresa Stuart
458. teresa Martin Little
459. Teresa Skelly
460. Terri Haynes

461. Terry Patterson
462. Terry Sharp
463. Therese O'Meara
464. Thomas Hall
465. Tilly Harrison
466. Tina Warren
467. Tom Finnemore
468. Tom Pollard
469. Tracey COWNDEN
470. Tracey Saunderson. The men who traffic, abuse and harm women must be held accountable. Sex work is not work, it is abuse and it has no place in our world. Women deserve to be safe from abuse at the hands of men who buy and sell them. I thank my stars every day I haven't become a victim of this vile trade. Our Governments, international NGOs and everyone in positions of power must take this seriously to help keep women and children safe.
471. Trish McPherson
472. Una Smith
473. Ursula Huws
474. Val Stevenson
475. Valerie Letondeur
476. Vanessa Howard
477. Victoria Lax
478. Virginia Grice
479. Viv Pickin
480. Winifred Greenhalgh
481. Yasmin Quayyum
482. Yuxin Lu
483. Zara
484. Zoe Hollowood
485. Alessia
486. Alexandra McAdam-Clark
487. Alison McBain
488. Anna-Marie Dolan
489. Anya Morgan
490. Ariane Anger. Sex purchase is uncivilised it is objectionable that women should be enslaved in the 21st century – please act now!
491. Avril Nicholson
492. Belen Wilson
493. C Knights
494. Carmel McDowell
495. Claire Hough
496. Donna Barnes

497. Dr Holly Gordon
498. Dr Lesley Semmens
499. Edith Pender-Hiom
500. Eleanor Hunt
501. Eleanor Pickets
502. Eleri Wilson-Davies
503. Elizabeth Mansfield
504. Elly Cole
505. Emma Perry
506. Georgia Constantinou
507. Harriet Robarts. Studies have shown that legalising prostitution increases domestic violence against women, no doubt because there is a knock-on effect of men thinking that women are objects to be bought and sold, and therefore treated badly. Women deserve better than to have our oppression given legal backing.
508. Helen Davies
509. Irene. I have experience.
510. Jennifer Covell
511. Jennifer James
512. Jill Henry
513. Joanne Griffiths. Protect vulnerable people from sexual exploitation.
514. Jodie Woodward
515. Karen Bresner
516. Kellie Ziemba. I have lived experience of prostitution in various forms.
517. Kerry Gaskin
518. Loren Grant
519. Lynne Harne. I have previously done research on buyers of prostituted women and found that they were only concerned about getting a disease from these women. They did not care about the sexual abuse they were inflicting on them.
520. Maire Smith
521. Many Galbraith
522. Miriam Peck
523. Neil Conlock
524. Nicola Carr
525. Nicola Hall
526. Nicola Rankin
527. Pandora Pound
528. Peter Garbutt
529. Prabal Ray
530. Rachel Nguyen
531. Rae Webster
532. Rhona Anderson
533. Ruth Conlock

- 534. Sally Allan
- 535. Sally Richardson
- 536. Samantha wright
- 537. Sofia
- 538. Sonya Robotham
- 539. Stella Bird
- 540. Sue Domminney
- 541. Zoe Richards
- 542. Rishika verma

Austria

- 543. Andrea Staudenherz
- 544. Avneet
- 545. Brigitte Hofmann-Muzik. Violence against women will never stop while we are meant to be commodities for men.
- 546. Erwin Landrichter
- 547. Judith Wieser
- 548. Michael Möller
- 549. Sophie Bonner

Belgium

- 550. Alexia Fafara
- 551. Alvarez Hernandez
- 552.
- 553. Ana Bueno
- 554. Ana Iratxe
- 555. Audrey Seynur
- 556. Camille Lorent
- 557. Charlotte ducuing
- 558. Cristina Celaya
- 559. Cristina Garcia
- 560. Cynthia Nuozzi
- 561. Deborah Kupperberg
- 562. Julia Crumière
- 563. Mireia Crespo
- 564. Muriel Van averbeke. As an art therapist working with women victims of violence, I fully and totally concur with this letter.
- 565. Peters Frederic. Too much corruption. This is disgusting.
- 566. Rose Kelleher
- 567. Silvia Alessi. I fully support your letter. Thank you for speaking up against this propaganda at the expenses of democracy and women's rights.

568. Tüline Akay. As a social worker spending every day trying to help prostitution survivors escape their situation I feel like this is a global issue and we should all be trying to put in place the Nordic or equal model because it's the only way to not be sexist/racist/classist as a country!
569. Vanessa McCulloch
570. Vera Schlusmans
571. Adriana Perez. I have seen, I have heard and I have accompanied women in a prostitution situation, who had not choice or have no access to a "normal work".
572. Muriel Petit. Prostitution is slavery.
573. Natasha Malviya
574. Viviane Teitelbaum

Bulgaria

575. Iliana Balabanova
576. Rayna Murdzheva. I've met many women in prostitution/out of prostitution. This is a direct contravention of article 6 of CEDAW.

Croatia

577. Hanife Biserka Bastalić
578. Nela Pamukovic
579. Rada Borić

Cyprus

580. Eleni Karaoli
581. Maria Angeli
582. Robert White
583. Susana Pavlou

Czech Republic

584. Anna Salakova

Denmark

585. Christine Beck
586. Herdis Jensen
587. Marilin Lõugas
588. Matthias Bjørnlund
589. Milda Jensen
590. Tamás Zoltán Ficsor

Finland

591. Annica Svarvar
592. Ines de Oliveira
593. Mirkka Jokelainen
594. Pinja Lillrank
595. Ruut G. I have lived experience of prostitution.
596. Taru Perttuli
597. Viljami Pesonen
598. Camilla Ernkrans
599. Corinne Isler
600. Ines de Oliveira
601. Kirsi Mannonen
602. Tiia Geselle

France

603. Adèle Félix
604. Astrid Carrasco
605. Caterina Crivellaro
606. Christian de Fenoyl
607. Ciléne Andréhn
608. Claire Desaint. Our organisation promotes the Nordic model.
609. DEVIER Jacqueline
610. Emeline Perego
611. Enora LD. The difference between a John and a rapist is money. The buying of consent goes against the notion of free will, especially in such an intimate situation.
612. Francine Sporenda
613. HELENE GUERIN. Any other model than the ABOLITIONNIST, PROPERLY IMPLEMENTED, endangers the security of all women and children in real, individually and societally, via the culture, while damaging the possibilities of survival for the most vulnerable. It is completely detrimental to the equality of all women in European societies, on all levels: economical, physical, emotional and psychical, any health safety, at symbolical and political rights levels. The former prohibitionist model, long practiced during history and legitimately abandoned, only enslave the most vulnerable pushing them into and structuring and reenforcing outlaw places. While the reglementary model is a catastrophic disgrace to European values of human dignity and social protection, for legitimating and fostering the ultra-liberalist industrial merchandizing of human beings, it have been demonstrated to increase human trafficking and the power of local as transnational criminal organizations, as well as nurturing a more general dangerous hyper-sexist landscape “culture of rape” and violence against women. This merchandizing model of human flesh, concurrently developed with the related pornography, if you care yet about women and children, is yet the contaminative factor in

actual sexual & mental health crisis of men also. That, with no surprise to feminists, is likely fuelling some sort of passively accepted behavioural terrorist scheme model. Non sense to history: don't bring us back to dark ages announcing themselves yet. Non sense. If economic concerns are often the argument developed against the Nordic Model, there they reveal to be completely untrue and unbased. Such turn would actually be a counter investment in European policies on security, stability and prosperity of all human beings. Only the humanist decency offered by the Abolitionist model offers a path towards the abolition of tenacious sex slavery. Protect all women and children and our societies: not only by protecting & implementing the actual abolitionist model, but by extending it to all Europe (to avoid including inner trans frontier crime dumping) will be an active warrant to actual and future very needed genuine peace of our continent. DON'T FOSTER WAR ON WOMEN STRUCTURALLY, despite considerations towards women themselves, it leads to no good and strong economic development and stability. It only promises to reenforce the sunset of our civilization. And if you don't protect the Nordic model for ideas, nor for Europe, at least, do it for yourself so there can still be a Europe within 10 years time. Resist to crime against humanity as resist to crime itself.

- 614. Laure CAILLE
- 615. Marie-Line Savatier
- 616. Marta Gimeno Minguez
- 617. Melissa Connelly
- 618. MICHELE VIANES
- 619. Michele Vianes
- 620. Nathalie Jolly. Inhumane abuse through prostitution.
- 621. Patricia Lynn Winters. I have treated several former "sex workers" professionally, as a psychiatrist. The harm they suffer is life-long.
- 622. Pierrette Pape
- 623. Rohan Cardoza
- 624. Scelles Yves.
- 625. Wilfried Cortes
- 626. Yagmur Uygarkizi
- 627. Alyssa Ahrabare. Jurist in human rights and fundamental liberties.
- 628. Eléa Oehl
- 629. Lilas Mercuriali

Germany

- 630. Alina Helder
- 631. André Timm
- 632. B Blue. Former Prostitute
- 633. Christoph
- 634. Dagmar Henchoz
- 635. Daniela K.

636. David Gommel Reber
637. Dr. Ingeborg Kraus
638. Elly Arrow
639. Gisela Wiederschein
640. Greta Kaltenbach
641. Hanneke Kouwenberg
642. Helen Lowry
643. Laura Fernández Martín. As a mother of two little sons, I want them to live in a society where people are not for sale or rent and consent cannot be bought. Nobody would argue today that slavery is ethical. Sex is not work!
644. Maïke Fuchs
645. Martha Krumbach
646. Michelle Drude
647. Montserrat Varela. There can never be consent in prostitution because there is money involved and a system that keeps women enslaved. It is a system of slavery that must be abolished.
648. Natalie
649. Pani K.
650. Ravza Ergül
651. Rosi
652. Roxie Roots. I have experienced the sexual exploitation industry from within, having believed the marketing and lies of it being “work”. I am now living with the resulting trauma and physical and mental struggle as well as being shamed for speaking up about the violence, the behaviour of all men involved and the disregard for women's safety and rights.
653. Sophia
654. Susanne Treiber. Prostitution is humiliating for women and has a negative impact on society in general! Please protect women and children with the Nordic Model which has been proven to be very successful in other countries.
655. Ute Dreïack-Pössinger
656. Viktoriia Duchenko
657. Wolfgang Bülles. I am supporting the Nordic Model since 2 years, because the legalisation made Germany the brothel of Europe and increased human trafficking, violence and abuse.
658. Anne Peterson. The council’s suggestion unfortunately show a huge lack of knowledge of what actually goes on in this industry; the suffering, the poverty, the amount of criminal activity (organized crime and trafficking for instance). The reality of lack of choice and consent (so called sex work is nothing but rape and violence) and who actually benefits from the big money speaks for itself. Please listen to all the endless victims of prostitution (and not to myths, lobbyists, and money grabbers) and ask instead for the right thing. Nordic Model Now and everywhere!
659. Emel Erdem

- 660. Inez Mischitz
- 661. Irina Polyanskaya Kalashnikova
- 662. Julia Schwartz
- 663. S Astheimer
- 664. S England

Greece

- 665. Babis Akrivopoulos
- 666. Natalia Xanthakos

Hungary

- 667. László Berzi-Nagy

Iceland

- 668. Hrafnhildur Hjaltadottir

Ireland

- 669. Alicia Castillo Villanueva
- 670. Ann Gray. Working in mental health since 1990 – I'm convinced that all sectors are adversely impacted by the exploitation of women. We need more progress to increase women's autonomy to the benefit of all.
- 671. Bernie Brady
- 672. Caroline Smith
- 673. Catherine Lawless
- 674. David Lohan
- 675. Deirdre Blake
- 676. Jane Brennan
- 677. Maxi. This will not help any woman, bring in the Nordic model, now
- 678. Mella keegan
- 679. Mia Döring
- 680. Rosaleen Dempsey
- 681. Tracy Dempsey
- 682. Annaig Birdy
- 683. Barbara Gorman
- 684. Emma Hayes. Base legislation on evidence rather than ideology: prostitution is commodified abuse which makes society more dangerous and discriminatory for women.
- 685. Mary Flavin. Women matter and only prostituted women should be decriminalised. All the men involved; the sellers and buyers should be criminalised. This is the only solution to help women.
- 686. Sandra Adams

- 687. Sandra Frazier
- 688. Shay Hickey
- 689. sylvia quinlan

Italy

- 690. Adriana
- 691. AGNES THERY. I belong to an association who supports prostitutes, help them to escape from slavery.
- 692. Agnese Fiducia
- 693. Barboni Sara. Women aren't commodities
- 694. Caterina Cortese. Criminalise the sadistic male sex buyers, decriminalise the desperate female sex sellers and trafficking victims.
- 695. Caterina Gatti
- 696. Cristina Pozzo
- 697. Elvira Verde
- 698. Esohe Aghatise. My experience while providing services and support to survivors of prostitution is that it (prostitution) represents the most egregious form of violence against women and girls that is still accepted as OK when it should be banned. No society can ever attain equality between the sexes when it sells half of its population to the other half. Stop the demand NOW!
- 699. Federica Richiardone
- 700. Francesca Paolini
- 701. Gigliola Belforte
- 702. Giovanna Berna
- 703. Giulia Mori
- 704. Giulia Sironi
- 705. Ilaria
- 706. Irene Ciambezi
- 707. Jessica Della Volpe
- 708. Laila Simoncelli
- 709. Laura Murru
- 710. Loredana. "Accepting prostitution as involving meaningful consent therefore changes the understanding of consent to something that can be bought, sold, and coerced." NMN
- 711. Lucia Tonelotto
- 712. Marcella formenti
- 713. Margherita Marascia
- 714. Marilena Roncarà
- 715. Martina Nuti
- 716. Milva Branchetti. I think that intimacy couldn't be a "job like any other" and so it's an utter cruelty against women trying to force the decriminalization of pimping,

practically legalizing the sex trade with no regard 'bout its slaves... Shame on the council of Europe!

- 717. Nica Mammí
- 718. Patty
- 719. Roseline I Aghatise. Stop the demand for sexual services now!
- 720. Ruby Till
- 721. Sara Manzoni
- 722. Viviana
- 723. Erika Veronese
- 724. Federica Di Lupo
- 725. Giada Maniezzo
- 726. Laila Simoncelli

Latvia

- 727. Agnese Grīnberga

Luxembourg

- 728. Pauline Kranendonk

Netherlands

- 729. A. van Meel
- 730. A.Z.
- 731. Albert Willemsen
- 732. Antoinette Jarig
- 733. Caroline Franssrn. 'Sex work' is not work. It's a form of slavery where women and children and some men are abused. We need to criminalise everyone making money of others in this exploitative criminal enterprise. And everyone paying to rape another human being.
- 734. Cor vd Meer
- 735. Debby van Berkel
- 736. Floor Plikaar
- 737. Frank Hoogendijk
- 738. Gerry Damen
- 739. Henny van Hooijdonk. Stop abuse of and violence against females.
- 740. Jeroen van Rijen
- 741. Job vd wal
- 742. Lisa
- 743. Lydia Daniel. When will the EU cease its war on women and start protecting women?
- 744. Máire Ní Cheallaigh
- 745. Manuela Romero

746. Marga van Hemme
747. Marieke Bos
748. Marleen Aarts
749. Martyna
750. Mila Korlaar
751. Mireille Breij
752. mr. R. Jansen. I'm a lawyer with vast experience in the judiciary: this will only lead to more abuse of (vulnerable) people, especially children and women. Cui bono? Men.
753. Nathalie Kopatsch
754. Olivia Lambie
755. Ralphien Boissevain
756. Renske Verheul. Prostitution is state sanctioned rape.
757. Roelien den Ouden
758. S. van Akker MSc. People (mostly women) shouldn't have to use their body as a commodity.
759. S.Y. Snoeker
760. sander van de donk
761. T. Rensen
762. Taissa Padua
763. Tamia
764. Xenia Zykar
765. Laurens Greven
766. Sarah Jon Moran, PhD
767. Zina Hasson

North Macedonia

768. Jasmina Trajcheva

Norway

769. Amalie Skaar Hestnes
770. Anja Strøm
771. Def Ar
772. Karolina Zielinska. Consent is freely given and enthusiastic. It cannot be economically coerced. That which happens to those who comply with economical coercion is not less unethical just because they comply.
773. Tove Lund

Poland

774. Agnieszka Karulska

775. Anna Obłękowska. As a member of an organisation that is actively supporting women exiting the system of prostitution in Poland, I am appalled by attempts to decriminalize clients and the so-called third parties. These are the two most frequent sources of violence toward women that seek our help. For the past two years we have been consistently trying to give women a chance to find other ways to survive than to be violated by men. Normalizing, facilitating or legitimizing sex business in Poland could lead to life-threatening consequences not only for Polish women. Poland is widely known as a country of transit, through which women from the east and south are being transported further west. What we need is a sane system of social care, based on improving working and living conditions for Polish women and specialized services for migrant women. We need better education on the dangers of prostitution. We need to let young girls know that they are not created for male pleasure and it is not normal to buy their consent. We also need men and boys to know that our consent is never for sale. What we do NOT need is the CoE pushing women further down the road of addiction, poverty and extreme forms of violence so frequent in prostitution and the sex trade in general.

776. Barbara Majchrowicz

777. Gabriela Korczak

778. Gabriela Wilczyńska. We deserve freedom from prostitution and male violence.

779. Hanna Bukowicz

780. Iryna Pleshvytseva

781. Joanna Gilewska

782. Marta Ciesielska

783. Noemi Mara

784. Paulina Zaleska. Sex work is exploitation

785. Weronika Brykalska

786. Zhanna Samuta

787. Zofia Mykietnik

788. Aleksandra

789. Aleksandra Gałuszczyńska

790. Anna Niesterowicz

791. Sonia Plaszewska

Portugal

792. Alice Abreu. Abolish prostitution

793. Davina James-Hanman

794. Helena David

795. Lina Oliveira

796. Marta Sofia Mendes Mendonca Correia. As someone involved in researching about child sexual trafficking, this is a disgrace. The council of Europe is ignoring all studies that show that decriminalisation creates perfect avenues and channels for trafficking and exploitation. You should know better.

797. Marta Queirós

Romania

798. Andreea Pontos

799. Catalina Catuti

800. cristina costea

801. Luciana Grosu

802. Mirabela Vasile. I am a Legal Counselor working in a specialised CSO in Romania with victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation.

803. Monica Boseff

804. Tiberiu ANTON. Prostitution corrupts the idea of relation between man and woman as a couple transforming it in a simple masturbation. We can all agree that romance is still the ideal type of relation in a couple. You cannot replace this with bought sex, therefore should disappear and not be legalized. In a free world there is no need for a woman to sell sex for her basic needs (food, water, shelter) and men do not confuse bought sex with romance. Smoking is a bad habit that tends to disappear and so should be the prostitution.

805. Slate Melissa. Prostitution is the exploitation of women. Period. Most women do it out of poverty. There's nothing about "free choice" here.

806. Veronica Ruse

Serbia

807. Andrea

808. Mima Jovanovic

Slovenia

809. Manca Raušl

810. Matija Skala

811. Monika Jerič

812. Polona Kovac

813. Sonja Lokar

Spain

814. Alba

815. Alejandra

816. Alicia

817. Ana Lopez

818. Ana María Ribes Torres

819. Ana Tévar

820. Anastasia Polyantina

821. Andrea Martínez

822. Andreas Domenech Sanchez
823. Ane Merino
824. Angeles Lazaro Martinez
825. Anna Pawlusiewicz. Prostitution is not work. It needs to end otherwise we will never achieve equality.
826. Bea Jaspert
827. Beatriz Durante Álvarez
828. Belén
829. Belén San Martín Cuesta
830. Berta O. García
831. Carolina Robles Ramírez
832. CORINA FUKS. The stigmatisation of women in prostitution can only disappear when the Nordic Model is enforced as it is the only one that regards women as victims of sexual violence and men as offenders who buy sex from a woman who has no sexual desire but just an economic need. By changing the focus, the stigmatisation is where it must be: on those men who still see women as objects to use and abuse. The Equality/Nordic Model, which proposes a world free of sexual violence, is the only one that protects human rights for prostituted women.
833. Cristina Mateos
834. Cruz Garcia. La prostitucion es una aberración, tráfico de personas, abuso en contra de los derechos humanos. No puede legalizarse.
835. Diana
836. Dominica Hitos Natera
837. ELENA VIVO
838. Emilie Deffoin. I worked in a shelter for survivors from Prostitution
839. Eugenia
840. Eugènia Ustrell
841. Fayna Saavedra Domínguez. Mi experiencia compartida por otras mujeres y hombres en trabajos de cara al público es que mientras trabajamos nadie está protegido del acoso sexual y amenazas de clientes de la empresa porque no se ha perseguido nunca a los violadores de DDHH que pagan por consentimiento para no ser enjuiciados. Los prostituidores creen que todas las voluntades o consentimientos están a la venta y que si no solo es cuestión de precio o de insistir, por lo que obligan en lugares de trabajo a soportar sus agresiones sexuales bajo la amenaza de provocar problemas en la empresa o esperar a que cierren para volver a insistir. El simple hecho de llamar a la prostitución "trabajo sexual" significa que toda persona pierde su derecho a no ser acosado sexualmente porque solo se trata de ofertas de trabajo y negociación.
842. Fernando Gabriel López Fidalgo
843. Fiona Cameron
844. Gloria Lema Bajo
845. Irene Tellado
846. Iris Dominguez Catena

847. Isabel Pérez Molina
848. Jekaterina Saveljeva
849. Juana Teresa García Vizcaíno
850. Lucia Candeira de Andrés
851. Lucia Castro Quintela
852. Luna
853. M. Pau Munuera
854. M. Xosé
855. Maria Bermejo Barbado
856. María del Carmen García Teixidor
857. Maria Jesús Ortega Pérez
858. Maria Lina Fernabdez Bernárdez
859. Maria Lopez Rodriguez
860. María Luisa Delgado Delgado
861. María Simarro
862. María Teresa Vado
863. Marta Cantabrana García
864. Marta López Ordoñez
865. Marta Pallín Pérez
866. Mónica
867. Nerea del Río
868. Neus Benavent Vallès
869. Nuria Salagre
870. Olga Compte
871. Olivia Vélez
872. Óscar López Antón
873. Paloma
874. Patricia de Blas Aranda
875. Patricia Merino Murga
876. Paula
877. Paula Martin
878. Paula Serrano Elena
879. Raquel
880. Salud Mantero Heredia
881. Sara Seoane Suárez
882. Sheila
883. Silvia Alonso Donis
884. Soraya
885. Susana Martínez
886. Susana Silva
887. Tamara porcar
888. Teresa Muñoz Gierra

- 889. Ursula Fillat Latorre
- 890. Vera Ellen Waldorff
- 891. Yessenya López Hernández
- 892. Amelia Tiganus. I am a survivor of prostitution and was sexually exploited for 5 years in Spain. Right now I am one of the most recognized activists against prostitution in Spain and Romania, my country of origin where I was caught as a minor.
- 893. Beatriz
- 894. María López
- 895. Natalia Rodríguez Martínez

Sweden

- 896. Alex nordenberg
- 897. Alexandra Ander
- 898. Alva Barchéus
- 899. Alva Brunnkvist
- 900. Amanda. I'm a survivor of prostitution.
- 901. Amanda Gubberud Maraš
- 902. Amanda Heath
- 903. Amanda S. Former prostitute
- 904. Ann Nordlöf
- 905. Anna
- 906. Anna Bertilsson
- 907. Anna Booberg. Prostitution is modern slavery. Remove the term prostitution, its enslaved if anything. Do you really want to legalize slavery?
- 908. Anna Sundin
- 909. Anna Toss
- 910. Åsa Wärnberg
- 911. Beatrice Nordling
- 912. Birgitta Hansen
- 913. Bo Andersson
- 914. Cajsa Östergaard Callmer. I'm a survivor of the sex trade in Sweden.
- 915. Camilla Löfgren
- 916. Caroline Nilsson
- 917. Cassie
- 918. Catarina Brown
- 919. Cem Göcgören
- 920. Charlotta Leykamm
- 921. Charlotta Nordlaaw
- 922. Christel Gille
- 923. Desiré Fransson
- 924. Desirée Stiernstam Berg

925. Dr Nina Granberg
926. Ebba Blomquist
927. Elin Medelberg
928. Elisabet Hedman
929. Ella Färm
930. Ella Frieman
931. Ella Wanselius
932. Emelie Bylund
933. Emelie Jonsson
934. Emma
935. Emma Karlsson. As a “normal, middle class” women who’s been exposed to grooming, threats and different types of bribing since I was a young teenager, from men in all parts of society, who tried to convince me selling my body in different ways is good idea, mainly by trying to make me believe it would be my only or best choice, the original reports doesn’t take into account how it affects women’s right who doesn’t do sex work. I’m so happy I live in Sweden were I at least had the law behind my back, to support my own feeling of fighting abuse. A legal sex trade would incentivize the removal of other choices for young girls, since what I’ve understood is the main reason why a girl would think it’s a good idea. Especially, since the industry craves really young girls. Why would a society encourage a young girl’s first years as sexually active to be with punters. Instead of learning how to form meaningful and personal relationships?
936. Emma N
937. Emma Öhrén. Consent will never and should never be a ware that can be bought or coerced. Human beings are not objects.
938. Emma Pettersson
939. Emma Stolt
940. Ester
941. Eva Persson
942. Flo Fermelin. I have lived experience both as a child and as an adult, I was trafficked for 10 years and a prostitute for 21 years.
943. Fredrik Dahlberg
944. Frida Rantzow
945. Gabriella
946. Grace
947. Gustav Håkansson
948. Hanna
949. Hanna Argéus
950. Hanna Carlsson
951. Hanna Stenström
952. Harriet Lenninger
953. Hedvig Helander. You are supposed to safeguard human rights. Please reconsider.
954. Helena Brors

955. Helena Daneberg
956. Helene Skott
957. Ia Wasell
958. Ida Andersson
959. Ida Johansson
960. Ida Nilsson
961. Ingela Hoatson
962. Ingrid
963. Ingrid Bogdanovic
964. Ingrid Hedström
965. Irem Cörekci
966. Isa medelberg
967. Isabell Ekman
968. Isabella
969. Isabella Lövsveden
970. Jeanette
971. Jeanette Svärd
972. Jennie
973. Jenny Hillevi Larsson
974. Jenny Noren
975. Jens Liljeström
976. Jessica
977. Jessica Österback. Heart question for me.
978. joel sandsten
979. Johanna
980. Johanna Andreasson
981. Johanna Larsson
982. Josefina Sörensen
983. Julia
984. Kajsa Eriksson
985. Karin Odqvist
986. Karla Svartling Stolpe
987. Kristina Olsson
988. Laboni Huq
989. Leonard Palmestål
990. Lina Karlsson
991. Lina Simon
992. Lina Vängborg
993. Linda Alkblad
994. Linda Fritzner
995. Linn Kinnerbäck Lake
996. Linn Sidenmark

997. Linnea Östlund
998. Lisa Skoglund
999. Liv
1000. Madelene Lindqvist
1001. Magdalena Neteborn
1002. Majken Laében
1003. Malin Berlin
1004. Malin Karlsson
1005. Malin Roux Johansson
1006. Margaretha Nilsson
1007. Maria Iremet
1008. Marie
1009. Marie Eriksson
1010. Marika Berndtson
1011. Meddy Lund
1012. Mia Vindbäck. It's common sense, that so called sex in any shape or form involving money shall not be legal, and the ones paying for it shall be severely punished it's paid abuse and rape and needs to be stopped now in a modern society 2024! It's a shame to humanity that this hasn't been done years ago!!
1013. Michael Nord
1014. Nathalie Melin
1015. Nelly Grundin
1016. Nicole Kuhn
1017. Nicolina Magnusson
1018. Nils Wijk
1019. Nora
1020. Pau
1021. Pepita del rio
1022. Petter Birgersson
1023. Pia Winter
1024. PROFESSOR EMERITUS KEITH PRINGLE
1025. Rebecca
1026. Rebecka
1027. Robin Fjällman
1028. Ronja Grönborg
1029. Ronja Koepke
1030. Sabina Braun
1031. Saga Brodersen
1032. Sanna Dahlgren
1033. shelley floryd
1034. Simon Pyka
1035. Sonia Cummings

1036. Sophie
1037. Susanna Nebu
1038. Susannah Sjöberg
1039. Susanne Olofsson
1040. Teresia Lidin
1041. Therese
1042. Tindra Strömbom. I don't think anyone should have the right to exploit another human being.
1043. Tristan Ojanne
1044. Victoria
1045. Viktoria Vargefjord
1046. Vir
1047. Virpi Hänninen
1048. Viveka Wallander
1049. Agnes Lepierre Porne
1050. Ahmed Elsharkawy
1051. Amanda Åkerlund
1052. Amanda Eriksson
1053. Amanda Johansson
1054. Anna Christina
1055. Anna Lindell
1056. Ann-Charlotte Scheele
1057. Annika Arnér
1058. Annika Magnusson. For obvious reasons I protest against decriminalisation of human traffickers and the abuse of already extremely vulnerable groups of people. This is horrendous. The slave of today are women and children for sexual exploitation.
1059. Birgitta Hansen
1060. Boel Andersson
1061. Cecilia Kyle
1062. Elisabeth Kostenius
1063. Ellen Rådström
1064. Emanuel Wendel
1065. Emelie Almqvist
1066. Emma Blixt
1067. Emma King
1068. Ester Emilsson
1069. Eva Skantze
1070. Eveliina Tuikkanen
1071. Evelina Nilsson
1072. Hanna Kartano. Social worker.
1073. Hannah
1074. Hannah Fichtel

1075. Ida Andersen
1076. Ida Sjögren. Protect Women, The Nordic model does just that, by making sure that women are not prosecuted or sent to jail for being trafficking victims. But buying sex is never neutral, it's paid rape. Do not make it legal to buy women's bodies
1077. Jane Lundqvist
1078. Jennifer
1079. Jenny Westberg
1080. Josefin Dofs
1081. Julia
1082. Juliana Cadavid
1083. Karin Rystedt
1084. Karolin Andersson
1085. Linn
1086. Linnéa
1087. Linnea Rosén
1088. Malin Tolfström
1089. Marc Olofsson
1090. Maria Hägglund
1091. Marta Årnell
1092. Merly Åsbogård. As a survivor of prostitution with 16 years of experience I'm more than concerned about this opinion statement.
1093. Monica Mazzitelli
1094. Pedro Jeria
1095. Pernilla Lindstroem
1096. Renée Hedlund
1097. Saga
1098. Sara Holmén
1099. Sofia Andersson
1100. Sofie Knese
1101. Sol-Angelica Christiansdotter
1102. Ulrika Sjölin

Switzerland

1103. François Huber
1104. Nana Mallet
1105. Nisha Cardoza. I have met many women in prostitution / spoken to women who got out of prostitution.
1106. Nuria Muíña García
1107. Stéphane Mitchell
1108. Lukas fleischmann
1109. Marco Forti

1110. Véronique Vergari

Ukraine

1111. Anna Rarytska

1112. Antonina Medvedchuk

1113. Blonska Yulia

1114. Hanna Demyanets

1115. Hanna Kysla

1116. Hanna Tarova

1117. Iryna Miniailo

1118. Julia

1119. Khrystyna Sukharska

1120. Larysa Andriichuk

1121. Liliia Slobodian

1122. Liubov Kryshko

1123. Mariia

1124. Mariya Dmytriyeva. As a Ukrainian, I am acutely aware how Ukrainian girls and women – along with other refugees and vulnerable women and girls – are being hunted by traffickers and pimps and brothel keepers. If prostitution in Europe is fully decriminalized, none of these women will have any refuge or protection.

1125. Natalia Shumytska

1126. Nataliia Khoverko

1127. Oleksandra Shymko

1128. Olena

1129. Olha Tverdokhlibova

1130. Sidorenko Tetyana

1131. Svitlana Gudkova

1132. Svitlana Sotnyk -

1133. Tetiana

1134. Tetiana Isaieva

1135. Tetiana Vavryk

1136. Yuliia

1137. Eugenia Skobeleva

1138. Hanna Ostapenko

1139. Ilona Fanta

1140. Kateryna Hres

1141. Liudmyla Usenko

1142. Mariana Muzyka

1143. Mariana Tekliuk

1144. Maryna Lisnychuk

1145. Oksana Tkachuk

1146. Olena Fedorovych
1147. Olena Zaitseva. All people in prostitution I've met, endured differed forms of violence related to prostitution.
1148. Olga Bielous
1149. Olha Bulakh-Chorii
1150. Solomiia Husak
1151. Tamara Chop
1152. Tetiana Bondarenko
1153. Tetiana Nakonechna
1154. Viktoriia. Thank You for Understanding!
1155. Yuliia Проституція. це жахливе порушення прав людини! Принцип згоди, це коли згода на статевий акт, не має містити підкупу чи чогось подібного!!!!!!
Інакше, це маніпуляції, тиск, насильство, гвалтування!

Argentina

1156. Giuliana Larghi

Australia

1157. Amanda Brohier.
1158. Anna McCormack
1159. Benjamin Radosavic
1160. Catherine Lynch
1161. Catherine Spoors. Have lived experience of the irreparable Damage prostitution and it's availability & increasing acceptance in society has done to my and others families – breaks up kids' homes.
1162. Deb
1163. Evelyn Williams
1164. Helen Pringle. This is a travesty by the HR Commissioner.
1165. Jacqueline Hammond
1166. Jessica Williams. Survivor of male physical and sexual violence, and women's advocate.
1167. Julie Quimby. Senior advisor to the Honourable Nicola Centofanti MLC who is introducing the Equality Model for prostitution law reform in South Australia. Vote to be held Wednesday 10th April 2024.
1168. Juliette Hughes Norwood. The Nordic model is the best way to protect women and children from exploitation in the sex trade.
1169. Kathy Chambers
1170. Louise Hewett
1171. MELANIE WHYTE
1172. Rose Hunter. I was in the sex industry for ten years (brothels, escort, and massage parlour).

1173. Stassja Frei
1174. Susan Hawthorne. Full decriminalisation of prostitution leads to more harms against women. It props up the pimps and increases men's violence against women. This so-called Human Rights Comment is a violation of women's human rights and is a shameful approach.
1175. Therese Doherty
1176. Ally J
1177. Caitlin Roper
1178. Claire Leslie. This is pure hatred and discrimination towards women and girls.
1179. Donna Malone
1180. Dr Tegan Larin
1181. Hannah Leslie
1182. Rebecca
1183. Rhiannon
1184. Roxane Wilson
1185. Simone Watson

Brazil

1186. Andreia Nobre
1187. Samia Couto

Canada

1188. Adrienne Montani
1189. Amanda Guenter. The focus on whether a person should have a right to rent out their body to others is an obfuscation to evade the question of whether a person should have a right to purchase the use of another person's body internally for their own entertainment. It is not possible to have prostitution which isn't exploitation.
1190. Andrea Heinz. No sex buyer ever recognized our humanity – don't do the same as a Council. Women deserve better!
1191. Andrea Smith
1192. Anne Burke
1193. Annette Parkes
1194. Benedicte Bertrand
1195. Carmen Gelette
1196. Deborah Jenkins
1197. Glendyne Gerrard. As a now retired founder and director of Defend Dignity, a national anti-trafficking Canadian organization, I urge you to support the end of the sex trade industry and criminalize pimps, traffickers and sex buyers.
1198. Jennifer Jessup. Children are groomed for the sex trade, then they become trapped in it.

1199. JM Janzen. This is appalling. There should be NO SELLING of HUMAN BODIES EVER.
1200. Kali Chi
1201. Kathie Reith
1202. Kathy King. Author @ whenmenbuysex.ca
1203. Kelly Schuler-McDonald.
1204. Mackenzie Melichar
1205. Marvy Wheale
1206. Mary Gisele Lamarche
1207. Megan hume
1208. Nancy Brown. Worked with homeless who extremely vulnerable to be lured unjustly into trafficking.
1209. Nora Jane Pope. Full legalization leads to increased violence to women.
1210. Orla Hegarty
1211. Pauline Dussault
1212. Sandra Harrison
1213. Sarah Richardson
1214. Sherri Ingrey
1215. Susan Holtby
1216. Suzette Cullen. I worked many years with women who wanted to exit I met no happy hooker.
1217. V Hanson. Consent cannot be purchased. Sex work is exploitation and rape, and women should not have to endure rape to live.
1218. Valerie Knaga. This has the consequence of emboldening traffickers, it does not protect women. It does not protect children. It denies their dignity and humanity of women and children, that being used to as purchased pleasure for men is not a win, it degrades all involved.
1219. Virginia Grinevitch
1220. Wendy Hayhoe
1221. Amanda Paananen
1222. Dawn K. I have lived experience of prostitution.
1223. Jessica Johnson
1224. Lisa Schofield
1225. Stacie Price
1226. Sylvia Buchanan

Colombia

1227. Emma Donaldson

India

1228. Brooks Anderson. Prostitution is violence against women and hence violates human rights.
1229. Lakshmi Anantnarayan
1230. Madhulika Agarwal. “Prostitution is the heartbeat of male supremacy.” – Andrea Dworkin.
1231. Prasujith P K

Israel

1232. Ester
1233. Luba Fein
1234. Nina Katz

Morocco

1235. Soukaina Elhamdou

New Zealand

1236. Alice
1237. Ally-Marie diamond. Lived experience
1238. Chelsea Geddes. I have 20 years’ experience in the sex industry in New Zealand, Decriminalization has only made things worse for women and trapped women and girls in an abusive and violent situation, unable to seek justice and without help to escape. The Nordic Model is the only model that faces up to the realities of prostitution, prosecutes perpetrators, and offers support services to their victims.
1239. Deb Horan
1240. Delia Morris. Do you want this for your daughter? Women are worth more.
1241. Katherine Chua
1242. Paige Olsen. Only the most vicious misogynists fight to decriminalise the violent exploitation and dehumanisation of women and girls. Shame on you.
1243. Sarah Augenstein

Nigeria

1244. Grace Star

Pakistan

1245. eraj Shamim. Sex work exploits women, this is my opinion.
1246. Takasur Azeem

Russia

1247. Alesya Kurs. Enabling prostitution means enabling human and child trafficking. Women and girls involved or forced into prostitution out of poverty and sexual trauma/abuse, they need to be taken care of and not re-traumatized on a daily basis because they just don't know better.
1248. Elvira Alibekova
1249. Katherine Fedoseyeva

South Africa

1250. Anastasiya B. I was exploited as prostitute and a survivor of the industry. The buyer and pimps/traffickers have to be criminalised while seller or exploited person fully supported and offered social support.

United States of America

1251. Toni Van Pelt
1252. Abi
1253. Ainsley Simmons
1254. Alice Baskous
1255. Alissa Rosenbaum. Prostitution exploits women, especially impoverished women. Coerced sex is called rape. If a woman "assents" to sex via payment she would not otherwise have, that is a form of coercion, hence it is rape.
1256. Alyssa Vodopia
1257. Amanda St. John
1258. Ann K
1259. Anna Katarina
1260. Anne-Tracy Barros-Ruof
1261. Autumn Burris
1262. Belissa Cohen
1263. Bukola Oriola
1264. Caroline DeLucia
1265. Catherine Curtis. As someone who visits often, I find this creates a danger to all women and children who become prey to a system requiring ever increasing amounts of trafficking. We have seen no positive social benefit come from countries with complete decriminalization.
1266. Christine Liang
1267. Connie Tolleson. Nordic Model Now!
1268. Crystal Dyer
1269. Dakota M. Ledbetter
1270. Donna M Hughes. I am a survivor of sexual exploitation. I am a researcher, scholar, and editor on sexual exploitation.

1271. Donovan Cleckley
1272. Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan. Deranged thinking. Council of Europe will pimp women and youth...
1273. Elizabeth Inglehart. I am a feminist law professor in the United States and strongly oppose prostitution, human trafficking, and the sexual exploitation industry as a whole.
1274. Elke Kramer
1275. Elle Kamihira. Prostitution is sanctioned violence against women and girls, masquerading as commerce.
1276. elnora brown
1277. Erica Grunik
1278. F. Eilers
1279. Felicia Ingram
1280. Helen Taylor
1281. Jackie Shapiro
1282. Janet Sasaki
1283. Jean Sweeney
1284. Jeanette Westbrook. I have lived experience of Human Trafficking involving non-consensual prostitution and acts of torture against my person. Subsequently, I filed criminal charges.
1285. Jennifer Keck
1286. Jenny Caneen
1287. Jenny Gamer
1288. Jessa Crisp. I am a lived experience expert, Licensed Professional Counselor in Colorado, as well as a PhD student in Counselor Education and Supervision.
1289. Jessika O'Sullivan
1290. Jonathan Potts
1291. Julia Bedford. GIRLS AND WOMEN ARE NOT FOR SALE TO BE RAPED BY MEN.
1292. Juliana Beck
1293. K Danowski
1294. Kathleen Dooley
1295. Kathleen McCollum
1296. Kelly Angelica. Pimps , johns, traffickers should not be decriminalized.
1297. Kelly Dore. Survivor of sexual exploitation
1298. Krystal Brown
1299. Linda Caine
1300. Lori L Cohen
1301. Madisen Lundquist
1302. Madison McQueen
1303. Marcel van der Watt
1304. Mariana Fraher
1305. Martha Story Jones

1306. Mary Bawden
1307. Mel. Decriminalizing pimps and brothels is de facto legalizing sex trafficking.
1308. Melissa
1309. Michcele Chapais. My relevant experience is that of a human being with a HEART who has been fighting the brutality of prostitution, trafficking, and pornography since my lesbian feminist activist days in the 70s and 80s. I am 70 now, and still fighting.
1310. Michelle Korecky
1311. Miranda Spychalla
1312. Natalie Spahr
1313. P. William Morris
1314. Patricia Cooney
1315. Penny Adrian
1316. Pilar Cote. I have extensively researched the system of prostitution for over 12 years and have advocated for survivors, for women & girls and for underserved communities for over 3 decades. Because of my advocacy & expertise as well as thought leadership in the novel tech space, I recently was invited onto the Tech & AI Advisory Board with the National Center on Sexual Exploitation based in Washington DC. I also sit as a council member on the Waawiiyaataanong Indigenous Arts Council, am a Racial Equity Fellow with the Civil Rights Center at the Wayne State School of Law, am a 2021 Solution Team member under the MIT Solve Initiative that utilizes AI to innovate for social impact and solve world challenges (Digital Inclusion), and am a Co-founder of the Detroit chapter of 'Women in Music' (Vice Chair of Diversity & Inclusion and Fundraising). On Feb 22nd 2024, my art & poetry landed on the moon as part of a special collection on a lunar lander. My work was chosen because it centers the UN's SDG #5 (Gender Equality) and highlights violence against women & girls as well as the reality of Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women (caused by the targeting of Indigenous women & girls by the system of prostitution). The system of prostitution is extremely violent. It's power structure AND infrastructure are completely controlled by Non-prostituted Men. It perpetuates misogyny, racism, classism, patriarchy, colonialism, rape culture and slavery itself. In its entire existence (only about 4400 years), it has NEVER existed without slavery because it is its foundation. Everywhere that has allowed Buyers to buy prostituted bodies, has factually INCREASED the Sex Trafficking of Minors, INCREASED the CSAM (sex abuse material) of Children, INCREASED the rate of RAPE in that society and INCREASED the rate of FEMICIDE (all quantified). Also, sexual predators globally know that they have full IMPUNITY within the system of prostitution to commit heinous sexual abuse, torture and even murder. The femicide rate within the system of prostitution is astronomical (43% higher than firefighters die fighting fires in USA, & 400 times higher than police & taxi drivers combined, are murdered in USA). Because of the extreme violence & constant DISSOCIATION that prostituted people endure during each act, there is a 5% HIGHER rate of SUICIDE than regular society, a 12% HIGHER rate of Clinical Depression than regular society and an equal or HIGHER rate of PTSD than Combat Veterans returning from WAR. This system is fueled by the DEMAND

(Buyer/Predators), and they are only concerned with their own Impunity and never being held accountable for any of their acts. According to the largest study on buyers, the high frequency buyers average an annual income that is \$100K USD or higher. All buyers do not care about the well-being of prostituted people and believe that they are ENTITLED to the bodies of women & children. When we allow buyers to buy, more & more Buyers demand bodies, and profiteers (pimps/traffickers/brothel owners) provide more bodies by targeting the most vulnerable people in our society. In Germany, the cesspool brothel of the planet, over 1.2 MILLION prostituted bodies are sold each day. It is estimated that 94% of prostituted people in Germany are NOT German nationals ~ they are shipped in from vulnerable areas of the world. Over 82% are trafficked slaves in Germany. Their CSAM increases by 14% year after year, and violent sex crimes INCREASE year after year in all metro cities there. 1 in 3 men in Germany today find violence against women 'acceptable' because the abuse and commercialized rape of women (system of prostitution) is normalized there. In SWEDEN, the opposite has occurred (Nordic/Equality Model) because they specifically & aggressively targeted the Buyers and the Demand dropped significantly. Today they have decimated sex trafficking and almost all organized crime has left because it cannot profit from sex trafficking there. Prostituted people had their criminal records expunged so they were no longer shackled to prostitution and given the RIGHT TO EXIT for the first time. Prostitution is recognized in Sweden as the violent and exploitative system it is. We must End the Demand everywhere. Please pay close attention to survivors instead of being manipulated by pimps/ traffickers /brothel owners. In 2016 I was about to be sold to the streets by a Chicago gang shot caller when I escaped. I'm not supposed to be here today offering my insight nor research nor expertise. I speak for all the 'Disappeared' and the Millions who cannot speak today because they are controlled and owned by the system of prostitution.

1317. Rachel Loewenthal
1318. Risa Rideb
1319. Rita Rackmil
1320. Robert Jensen
1321. Robin M. Survivor of third-party facilitated street prostitution (pimp controlled)
1322. Roxanne Friedenfels. Sociologist and author.
1323. Sarah
1324. Sharday Smith
1325. Sherry Mead
1326. Stephanie Castro-Contreras
1327. Stephanie Evans
1328. Taina Bien-Aimé
1329. Teresa Wilson
1330. Terry Forliti. I am a lived experience - subject matter expert and I support ridding the world of sexual violence in every opportunity possible. That being said, the Nordic Model is the only solution to eradicate the present harms.

1331. Valerie M. Hudson. Our vision of the future should not include the sale of women's bodies.