

**Estonia**

**Right of Reply**

**WS 16 Tolerance and non-discrimination II**

Thank you, Madam Moderator,

I would like to respond to the statement of the Legal Information Centre for Human Rights. Estonian Government takes fighting domestic and gender-based violence seriously. Mrs Semyonova has, in fact already outlined several measures we are taking to that effect, including the National Action Plan and increased financing to shelters.

In addition, I am happy to announce that yesterday Estonian Parliament ratified the Istanbul Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence, thus one of her recommendations has already been fulfilled.

Thank you.