



Spain

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POSITION OF SPAIN REGARDING RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE DRC



General information

A major milestone in Spain's gender-equality framework was the approval of Organic Law 3/2007, which established legally binding measures, including gender-balanced political representation and mandatory equality plans for companies, to ensure equality between men and women. A national equality agenda for 2022–2025 was adopted by the Council of Ministers, which focuses on inclusive governance, fair economic participation, the elimination of male violence against women, and the effective protection of women's rights. These measures have proven to be fruitful, as Spain meets 100% of UN Women's legal framework indicators (SDG indicators) for promoting, enforcing, and monitoring gender equality. However, Spain continues to face challenges in addressing sexual and physical violence against women.

Position on the matter

Spain has expressed concern about the humanitarian crisis in the Eastern DRC, where women and girls face extreme levels of conflict-related sexual violence. Recent diplomatic engagements with DRC officials also show Spain's commitment to supporting the protection of women and children. Spain has called for an immediate ceasefire and stronger accountability for armed groups.

Proposed solutions

Spain would likely recommend that the DRC and UN Women strengthen survivor-centred protection frameworks by expanding medical, psychosocial, and legal services for victims of conflict-related sexual violence. Additionally, it may suggest measures that strengthen national institutions responsible for preventing sexual violence and improve humanitarian aid access for displaced women and girls. In accordance with Spain's own laws and standards it could encourage reinforced gender-equality policies and better monitoring mechanisms to track sexual-violence cases and ensure accountability.

Potential Blocks

As an EU member, Spain is likely to align with its EU partners, which collectively express concern over conflict-related sexual violence in the Eastern DRC. These countries maintain cooperative relations with the DRC and back UN-led protection efforts.

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