

**Declaration against sexual harassment, revictimization,
and sexual harassment of the second order**

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Honourable President, representatives of the governments of the European Member States.

International scientific evidence has shown that it is not possible to overcome sexual harassment without clearly addressing second-order sexual harassment. Victims of sexual harassment need to have their call for support answered in order to become survivors. Those who dare to stand up for the victims are subjected to vicious attacks and are therefore today a very brave but very small minority who are kept silent by the law of silence imposed by the harassers and their active and passive accomplices. The only way to break the silence in concrete cases is with legislation, programmes, and actions on second-order sexual harassment to protect those who protect, which is the only way to make victims survivors.

Within the European Union, one parliament has already developed specific legislation unanimously, as this issue affects the whole of society.

We want to make you aware of what the scientific evidence says, that only if the parliament of a country develops specific legislation on second-order sexual harassment can progress be made in overcoming sexual harassment. Of course, not everything can be done with laws alone, it is also necessary to act as a whole and as individuals. That is why, at the same time, there are already scientific associations and organisations that are including second-order sexual harassment in their protocols and regulations.

The European Union shares democratic and non-sexist values that we are sure will be reinforced in every family, every school, every group, and every context with these measures.

Yours sincerely,

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