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## **OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2013**

### **INTERVENTION**

#### **Session 3 Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Violence against women**

There is a distinct difference between domestic violence and **[honour killings](#)**.

Honor killings are acts of vengeance, usually death, committed by male family members against female family members, who are held to have brought dishonor upon the family. A woman can be targeted by individuals within her family for a variety of reasons, including: refusing to enter into an **[arranged marriage](#)**, being the victim of a **[sexual assault](#)**, seeking a divorce—even from an **[abusive](#)** husband—or (allegedly) committing **[adultery](#)**. The mere perception that a woman has behaved in a way that "dishonors" her family is sufficient to trigger an attack on her life.

In Canada, there have been 19 honour killings. This is 19 too many. In the majority of cases the victims reached out for **[help](#)** and time and time again it was denied. Schools, social services – even the Police – were hesitant to become involved because of Multiculturalism and

**Political Correctness and the threat of being labelled bigots, racists and Islamaphobes.**

**This MUST change. These women and children MUST be protected. [My Government](#) is working very hard towards this end.**

**We must pay attention to this enforcement of the most savage elements of Islamic law against women: wives, daughters, and sisters. One can't even begin to fathom the lost dreams and ideals and promises and hopes for a full life extinguished by the tyrannical, hatemongering macho culture of Islamic supremacism.**

**We recommend the unequivocal condemnation of OSCE participating States of Islamic misogyny, gender apartheid and the dehumanization of women. We recommend that participating States do not stand by silently while the Islamic world brutalizes women.**

**To all those victims of honour killings around the world: You are remembered, you are loved and you are free.**

**I thank you very much.**