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The Constitution should be reviewed to ensure that, where multiple legal systems exist, they are consistent with human rights and gender equality standards, and do not disadvantage women victims/survivors of violence (cross-reference section 3.1.› and 3.1.6 of the Handbook).

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- Refer to regional human rights conventions and standards, where they exist; and
- Provide that no custom, tradition or religious consideration may be invoked to justify "harm-

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Legislation should:

- Provide for the principle of extraterritoriality in respect of “harmful practices”;
- Allow for the extradition of perpetrators of “harmful practices” for trial; and
- Eliminate diplomatic protocols or policies that may impede a victim’s access to assistance in cases where she has dual citizenship.

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Legislation should:

- Mandate the training of all religious, customary, community and tribal leaders and, in particular, State-registered preachers and religious o f cials, to promote women's human rights and denounce violence against women, including "harmful practices".

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Legislation should:

- Mandate the training of teachers in primary and secondary schools as well as institutions for further education to promote women's human rights and denounce violence against women, including "harmful practices", as well as to create awareness among teachers of the particular "harmful practices" to which girls at their school may be at risk.

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Legislation should:

- Provide for e f ective sanctions against anyone who condones or participates in any "harmful practices", including religious, customary, community and tribal leaders and health professionals, social service providers and education system employees.

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Legislation should:

- Define so-called “honour” crimes broadly so as to include the full range of discrimination and violence committed against women to control their life choices, movements, sexual behaviour and reputation, in the name of “honour”.

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Legislation should establish:

- A speci f c o f ence for dowry-related violence and harassment;
- A separate o f ence of “dowry death” in cases where a woman’s death is caused by other than normal circumstances, such as burning or bodily injury and it is shown that she had been

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Legislation should:

- Establish a speci f c o f ence for acid attacks;
- Criminalize the unlicensed sale of any type of acid;
- Regulate the sale of any type of acid; and
- Mandate medical personnel to report to police any case of bodily harm caused by acid.

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- Provide for the appointment of a su f cient number of such protection o f cers in order to ensure that they are not overburdened; and
- Require the development of protocols for various sectors setting out guidance on risk assessment, reporting, service provision and follow up in cases of suspected or actual “harmful practices”.

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Legislation should:

- Not allow perpetrators to escape punishment through reaching an agreement with the

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Legislation should:

- Acknowledge that communities have an integral role to play in the abandonment of female genital mutilation, and call for governmental support, where requested, for community-based abandonment initiatives; and
- Where appropriate, support community-based initiatives that are targeted at changing behaviour and attitudes, including alternative rites of passage, and the re-training of traditional practitioners for alternative professions, such as midwifery.

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- State that a parent or other relative may seek asylum in connection with an attempt to protect a woman or girl from any “harmful practice”; and
- Provide that victims of “harmful practices” are members of a particular social group for the purposes of seeking asylum.

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