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### **VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST WOMEN: BREAKING POINT FOR THE PLEA BARGAINING IN CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

- Settlements in criminal proceedings
- role of the victim in plea agreement procedure
- procedural positive obligation to conduct effective investigations
- Rantsev v. Cyprus and Russia
- Natsvlshvili and Togonidze v. Georgia
- S.M. v. Croatia
- GRETA strongly argues - offenses of trafficking in human beings should be excluded from the plea-bargaining procedure
- Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence
- Art. 48 para. 1 of the Istanbul Convention -prohibits in domestic criminal and civil law the *mandatory* participation in any alternative dispute resolution process
- the disbalanced power between the offender and the victim
- prohibition of plea-bargaining procedure in case of violence against women

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