BELARUS REPORTS IN UN ABOUT WOMEN'S RIGHTS



On 6 February at the UN the Belarusian delegation will share about the observance of women's rights in the country.

On 6 February 2025, the <u>90th session of</u> the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women will officially consider the report of the Belarusian authorities on the implementation of the Women's Convention. The previous state report was considered by the CEDAW Committee in 2016.

Traditionally, non-governmental organisations prepare alternative or shadow reports to inform the CEDAW Committee members about most burning issues related to women's rights protection and promotion that are ignored by the state. This year Belarusian human rights defenders prepared 4 alternative reports, <u>one</u> of which is devoted to the problem of domestic violence.

The Shadow Report on the Situation of Domestic Violence was created by the Coalition of Belarusian Women's Organisations, Initiatives and Activists in Exile against Gender-Based and Domestic Violence. The document contains an analysis of the state's efforts to prevent domestic violence and provide assistance to victims at the legislative and practical levels, with 6 main conclusions and 11 recommendations to the state.

The main goal of the Coalition is to unite efforts to assist women facing gender-based and domestic violence in Belarus and in emigration. The Coalition also aims to analyse and provide the (international) community with alternative information in the field of protection of women's rights to live free from gender-based violence. Currently the Coalition consists of 18 experts and activists in exile, representing various initiatives that continue to help Belarusians women at home and abroad.

Download the Coalition's shadow report Information pack <a href=here.

The official broadcast of the consideration of the report of the Belarusian government will be online here