

To: UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

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Input by the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights in response to the Call for femicide related data and information

Dear Ms. Reem Alsalem,

Please find below the answers to the questions raised in your questionnaire.

1. On additional steps taken to create a national femicide watch and/or femicide observatory and/or observatory on violence against women with a femicide watch role; observatories at Ombudspersons' office or Equality Bodies; academic institutions and/or NGOs, or any plans to create one, as applicable.

Reply: No steps have been taken to create such an institution. The Dutch Homicide Monitor referred to in last year's submission by the Institute continues to exist. That submission is re-submitted for your convenience.

2. On new measures taken including research and studies undertaken to analyse femicide or gender related killings of women and girls, or homicides of women by intimate partners or family members and other femicides. If available, please share a copy of such studies.

Reply: discussions on the murder of women and the use of the term femicide have intensified in 2021. There have been publications in the media. We have consulted a number of academics, but it seems that at this stage no specific study into the subject matter is undertaken.

3. On recent developments related to good practices and challenges in implementing an evidence-based response to the prevention of femicide.

Reply: No new developments on this specific issue.

4. On recent jurisprudence or case law on femicide.

Reply: No information can be provided.

5. On data, if available, on:

a. Intimate-partner femicides / homicides of women

b. Family-related femicides / homicides of women

c. Other femicides / gender-related homicides of women

Statistics Netherlands reports annually on homicides and distinguishes, *inter alia*, on the ground of sex. It also reports on the relationship between the perpetrator and the victim. The most recent [data](#) concern 2020, these are preliminary data. In 2020, 44 women were murdered. In 56,4% of the cases, the perpetrator was the (ex-)partner; in 9% of the cases a parent and in 12,3% of the cases another relative.