



# House of Commons

## NOTICES OF AMENDMENTS

given up to and including

**Tuesday 21 February 2017**

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*Amendments tabled since the last publication: 18-60, NC2 to NC20*

### CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

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## PREVENTING AND COMBATING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION) BILL

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#### NOTE

**This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.**

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#### *NEW CLAUSES*

Philip Davies

NC1

To move the following Clause—

**“Istanbul Convention: Application to men**

Everything in the Convention will be deemed, across the United Kingdom, to apply equally to men and women.”

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Philip Davies

NC2

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Istanbul Convention: Application to transsexuals**

Everything in the Convention will be deemed, across the United Kingdom, to apply equally to men and women.”

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Philip Davies

NC3

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Cessation of the Convention: increase in violence against women**

If there should be any increase in violence against women in any year after ratification of the Convention or no decrease for three consecutive years the Convention shall cease to have effect in the United Kingdom.”

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Philip Davies

NC4

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Cessation of the Convention: increase in domestic violence**

If there should be any increase in domestic violence in any year after ratification of the Convention or no decrease for three consecutive years the Convention shall cease to have effect in the United Kingdom.”

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Philip Davies

NC5

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Monitoring by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties**

The United Kingdom shall be exempt from the monitoring of GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) and the Committee of the Parties (that is the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)), and instead that monitoring of the implementation of the

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Convention for the United Kingdom falls within the remit of the relevant parliamentary Select Committee.”

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Philip Davies

NC6

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Recommendations by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties**

Any recommendations given by GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) and the Committee of the Parties (that is the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)) are not binding on the UK Government.”

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Philip Davies

NC7

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“GREVIO fact-finding visits**

The United Kingdom shall be exempt from receiving any GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) fact-finding missions.”

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Philip Davies

NC8

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Exemption from reporting to GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties**

The United Kingdom Government shall be exempt from requiring to report to GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) and the Committee of the Parties (that is the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)).”

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Philip Davies

NC9

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Exemption from time limits set by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties**

The United Kingdom Government shall be exempt from any time limits introduced on responding to reports from GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) and the Committee of the Parties (that is the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)).”

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Philip Davies

NC10

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Recommendations by GREVIO and the Committee of the Parties**

Any recommendations or reports by GREVIO (that is the Council of Europe’s Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence) or the Committee of the Parties (that is the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention)) must be debated in Parliament before any Government response is given.”

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Philip Davies

NC11

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Annual statistics**

The Government must use its best endeavours to obtain statistics on the levels of violence against men, women and all domestic violence victims in each country who are ratified members of the Convention and to make them publicly available and published annually.”

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Philip Davies

NC12

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Quarterly statistics**

The Government must use its best endeavours to obtain statistics on the levels of violence against men, women and all domestic violence victims who are ratified members of the Convention and to make them publicly available and published quarterly.”

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Philip Davies

NC13

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Breaches of the Convention by the United Kingdom**

Any breach or failure to comply with the Convention shall be a matter for the United Kingdom Parliament and United Kingdom courts only.”

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Mr Christopher Chope

NC14

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Limitation on reservations concerning Article 44**

The United Kingdom shall not make its ratification subject to any declaration as provided for under paragraph 2 of Article 78 of the Convention that it will not establish jurisdiction under Article 44 when the offence established with the Convention is committed by a person who has her or his habitual residence in the United Kingdom.”

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### Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill, *continued*

Mr Christopher Chope

NC15

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Territorial application**

The United Kingdom shall not make its ratification subject to any restriction on territorial application under Article 77 of the Convention.”

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Mr Christopher Chope

NC16

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Victims of forced marriage**

The United Kingdom shall not make its ratification subject to any restriction on its right to take the necessary legislation or other measures referred to in Article 59.4.”

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Philip Davies

NC17

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Compensation awarded to those who have sustained serious bodily injury or impairment of health**

No ratification of the Convention shall be made by the United Kingdom unless at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification it declares that it reserves the right not to apply the provisions of Article 30 paragraph 2.”

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Mr Christopher Chope

NC18

- ★ To move the following Clause—

#### **“Limitation on reservations concerning psychological violence and stalking**

The United Kingdom shall not make its ratification subject to any declaration as provided for under paragraph 3 of Article 78 that it reserves the right to provide

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for non-criminal sanctions for the behaviours referred to in Article 33 and Article 34.”

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Philip Davies

NC19

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Reservations**

Nothing in this Bill shall prevent the United Kingdom ratifying the Istanbul Convention with reservations as provided for in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Article 78.”

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Mr Christopher Chope  
Philip Davies

NC20

- ★ To move the following Clause—

**“Requirement to denounce of the Convention after five years**

The United Kingdom Government shall denounce the Istanbul Convention no later than five years after it has ratified the Convention.”

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Sarah Newton

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Page 1, line 1, leave out Clause 1  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment leaves out clause 1.*

Philip Davies

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- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “as soon as reasonably practicable” and insert “once all other signatories have ratified”

Philip Davies

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- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “as soon as reasonably practicable” and insert “once 90% of other signatories have ratified”

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### Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill, *continued*

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 2, leave out “as soon as reasonably practicable” and insert “once all members of the Council of Europe are signatories and have also ratified” 20

Mr Christopher Chope

- ★ Clause 1, page 1, line 6, at end insert “without making any reservations under Article 78 of the Convention.” 56

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Mr Christopher Chope

- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 11, after “Convention” insert “without reservations” 57

Sarah Newton

- Clause 2, page 1, line 12, leave out “date by” and insert “timescale within” 2  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment requires the Secretary of State to report on the timescale within which she expects the Istanbul Convention to be ratified, rather than the date.*

Mr Christopher Chope

- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 13, at end insert “without reservations.” 58

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 14, leave out from “laid” to end of the subsection and insert “when reasonably practicable” 24

Sarah Newton

- Clause 2, page 1, line 14, leave out “within four weeks of this Act receiving Royal Assent” and insert “as soon as reasonably practicable after this Act comes into force” 3  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment changes the deadline for a report under clause 2 from four weeks from Royal Assent to as soon as reasonably practicable after commencement.*

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 14, leave out from “within” to the end of subsection and insert “one year of negotiations on leaving the European Union finishing” 23

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 14, leave out “four weeks” and insert “three years” 22



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- Sarah Newton 4
- Clause 2, page 1, line 16, leave out “Her Majesty’s Government” and insert “the Secretary of State”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment means the obligation to make a statement to Parliament will fall on the Secretary of State, rather than Her Majesty’s Government generally.*
- Mr Christopher Chope 59
- ★ Clause 2, page 1, line 17, after “Convention” insert “without reservations”
- Sarah Newton 5
- Clause 2, page 1, line 17, leave out “it” and insert “the Secretary of State”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment is consequential on amendment 4.*
- Sarah Newton 6
- Clause 2, page 1, line 19, leave out “its” and insert “the”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment is consequential on amendment 4.*
- Sarah Newton 7
- Clause 2, page 1, line 20, leave out “the Convention will be” and insert “the Secretary of State would expect the Convention to be”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment means the Secretary of State will be required to make a statement detailing when she would expect the Istanbul Convention to be ratified, rather than when it will be so ratified.*
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- Philip Davies 25
- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 2, leave out “each year” and insert “biennially”
- Sarah Newton 8
- Clause 3, page 2, line 2, after “each year” insert “until ratification”  
*Member’s explanatory statement*  
*This amendment makes clear that the government will only have to report on progress towards ratification until ratification has taken place (see amendment 14).*

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### Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill, *continued*

- Sarah Newton 9
- Clause 3, page 2, line 4, leave out paragraph (a) and insert—  
“(a) if a report has been laid under section 2(1), any alteration in the timescale specified in that report in accordance with subsection (1)(b) and the reasons for its alteration;”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This amendment is designed to avoid the implication that a report under clause 2 will necessarily have been issued before a report is required under clause 3.*
- Philip Davies 26
- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 4, leave out paragraph (a)
- Philip Davies 27
- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 7, leave out paragraph (b)
- Sarah Newton 10
- Clause 3, page 2, line 7, leave out “(before ratification)”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This amendment is consequential on amendment 8.*
- Philip Davies 28
- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 10, leave out paragraph (c)
- Sarah Newton 11
- Clause 3, page 2, line 10, leave out “(before ratification)”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This amendment is consequential on amendment 8.*
- Sarah Newton 12
- Clause 3, page 2, line 11, leave out “to” and insert “in”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This amendment changes a reference to legislative proposals being brought forward “to” the devolved legislatures to legislative proposals being brought forward “in” the devolved legislatures - which is the usual formulation.*
- Philip Davies 29
- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out paragraph (d)
- Sarah Newton 13
- Clause 3, page 2, line 14, leave out “(before ratification)”
- Member’s explanatory statement***  
*This amendment is consequential on amendment 8.*

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Sarah Newton	14
<p>Clause 3, page 2, line 16, leave out paragraph (e)  <i>Member's explanatory statement</i>  <i>This amendment removes the ongoing reporting obligation in clause 3(1)(e).</i></p>	
Philip Davies	30
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 18, after “Convention,” insert “and also recognises male victims of violence in addition in the United Kingdom”	
Philip Davies	37
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 19, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”	
Philip Davies	43
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 19, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”	
Philip Davies	31
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 19, after “women” insert “and men”	
Philip Davies	38
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”	
Philip Davies	44
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”	
Philip Davies	32
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 20, after “women” insert “and men”	
Philip Davies	33
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 21, after “women” insert “and men”	
Philip Davies	39
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 21, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”	
Philip Davies	45
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 21, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”	
Philip Davies	34
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 23, after “women” insert “and men”	

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### **Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Bill, *continued***

- Philip Davies **40**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 23, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”
- Philip Davies **46**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 23, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”
- Philip Davies **35**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 24, after “women” insert “and men”
- Philip Davies **41**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 24, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”
- Philip Davies **47**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 24, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”
- Philip Davies **49**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 25, at end insert “and produce a breakdown of government spending on victims of violence and domestic violence for both men and women.”
- Philip Davies **50**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 27, after “violence” insert “and provide statistics showing international comparison on levels of violence against women and men”
- Philip Davies **36**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 30, after “women” insert “and men”
- Philip Davies **42**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 30, after “women” insert “and those that identify as women”
- Philip Davies **48**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 30, after “women” insert “and girls and men and boys”
- Philip Davies **51**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 31, insert at end “and to include the names of these organisations”
- Mr Christopher Chope **60**  
★ Clause 3, page 2, line 31, at end insert—  
“(f) the costs to the Exchequer of the measures set out in subsection (1)(e).”

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Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 32, leave out “annual” and insert “biennial” 52

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 32, leave out “1 November 2017” and insert “1 January 2020” 53

Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 3, page 2, line 33, leave out “1 November each year” and insert “1 January every 2 years”. 54

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Philip Davies

- ★ Clause 4, page 2, line 37, leave out from “Act” to end of subsection and insert “will not come into force until 90% of the signatories to the Convention have ratified it and there has been a proven reduction in violence against women in 75% of the countries who have ratified the Convention.” 55

Sarah Newton

- Clause 4, page 2, line 37, leave out “on the day on which this Act receives Royal Assent” and insert “at the end of the period of 2 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed” 15

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment means the Act will be brought into force two months following Royal Assent, rather than immediately on Royal Assent.*

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Sarah Newton

- Title, line 1, leave out “Require the United Kingdom to ratify” and insert “Make provision in connection with the ratification by the United Kingdom of” 16

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on amendment 7.*

Sarah Newton

- Title, line 3, leave out “; and for connected purposes” 17

***Member’s explanatory statement***

*This amendment is consequential on amendment 16.*

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