The Petition of those who urge the Government to adopt the 'Nordic' approach to prostitution which decriminalises those selling sex, offers support services to exit prostitution, and criminalises the purchase of sex to curb the demand for commercial sexual exploitation.

- Studies indicate that the majority of women enter prostitution under the age of 18 and that childhood abuse, poverty, drug dependency and homelessness are key triggers into prostitution. Once in prostitution, sexual and physical assault is common and 9 out of 10 surveyed women say they would exit prostitution if they could.

- It is essential that those selling sexual acts are decriminalised and that support services are provided to exit prostitution. Furthermore, legislation is needed to curb the demand for prostitution that expands the industry and fuels trafficking.

- We therefore urge the government to follow the 'Nordic model' which decriminalises those who sell sexual acts whilst criminalising those who purchase them. This approach has been adopted by Sweden, Norway and Iceland, as part of their end violence against women policies.

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