



# Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Ratification of Convention) Act 2017

## 2017 CHAPTER 18

### **1 The timetable for ratification of the Istanbul Convention**

- (1) The Secretary of State shall lay a report before each House of Parliament setting out—
  - (a) the steps required to be taken to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Istanbul Convention; and
  - (b) the timescale within which the Secretary of State would expect the United Kingdom to be able to ratify the Convention.
- (2) The report at subsection (1) must be laid as soon as reasonably practicable after this Act comes into force.
- (3) When the Secretary of State has determined that the United Kingdom is compliant with the Istanbul Convention, the Secretary of State shall make a statement to each House of Parliament—
  - (a) of the determination, and
  - (b) the date by which the Secretary of State would expect the Convention to be ratified.