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The Society of Graduate Women Austria (Verband der Akademikerinnen Österreichs, VAOE) notes with deep regret Turkey's withdrawal from the Council of Europe Convention on the prevention and combatting violence against women and domestic violence (the "Istanbul Convention").

We express our concern for all Turkish women. We stand in special solidarity with our Turkish sisters of Türk University Kadınlar Derneği (Turkish Association of University Women). We urge the Government of the Republic of Turkey to reconsider its withdrawal from the Istanbul Convention. We urge the continued protection of human rights of all women and girls and especially their right to live without the threat of violence.

The VAOE was founded about 100 years ago and is a member of the GWI- (Graduate Women International), an international NGO headquartered in Switzerland, which focuses on the education of women and promotes international cooperation, friendship, peace and respect for human rights for all. Including the women's and children's rights to be safe and protected from all kinds of violence against them in all forms of public and private life.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maria Tiefenthaller', written over the printed name.