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Women's Rights in Turkey: What You See Is the Top of the Iceberg

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The presidential decision on March 20th, at midnight, declaring that “Turkey has withdrawn from The Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence”, commonly known as Istanbul Convention, has led the international community to turn their gaze upon Turkey once again. The decision itself is a violation of the Constitution, since Turkey’s withdrawal from an international convention, which was unanimously accepted by Parliament, cannot be decided by one person by law. Of course, the rule of law has never been the strong suit of AKP governments. It’s important to acknowledge that this outrageous decision, that was taken by the president of a country where violence against women and LGBTI, femicides and hate crimes increase unprecedentedly, was not an isolated one; rather, it is only one phase of a series of systematic steps taken towards creating a society where gender equality is no longer an “issue to be worried about.”

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