

Paraguay's Law 5777/2016 — Comprehensive Criminalisation of Femicide and All Forms of Violence Against Women

Gender Equality · Good practice · Paraguay

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Passed in December 2016, Law 5777/16 made Paraguay the 18th Latin American country to criminalise femicide (10–30 years' imprisonment), established a Women's Observatory for monitoring, and drove a record 13,491 domestic-violence reports in 2017 — though low conviction rates reve

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

[Congreso Nacional de Paraguay / Ministerio de la Mujer](#) — accessed 2026-06-23

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