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**Memorandum from the Parliamentary Office**

**Minister**

**National Assembly question for Written Reply: Question 4027**

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**Director General: Department of Women**

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**4027. Ms N I Tarabella Marchesi (DA) to ask the Minister in The Presidency: Women**

(1) Why has the Government not ratified the [Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence](http://www.conventions.coe.int/Treaty/Commun/QueVoulezVous.asp?CL=ENG&NT=210), also known as the Istanbul Convention;

(2) what steps will he take to ensure that the specified convention is ratified soon? NW4895E

**Reply**

South Africa is not in Europe. I suggest that the Honourable Member familiarise herself with Istanbul Convention.

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**Approved by the Minister on**

**Date………………………..**