# What is ONE WOMAN AT A TIME (OWAAT) Cyprus?



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### DID YOU KNOW . . .

# YOU ARE A CITIZEN OF CYPRUS AND EU MEMBER-STATE CITIZEN ENTITLED TO MANY HUMAN RIGHTS.

- Cyprus is a Council of Europe member
- Cyprus secures and ensures your human rights and freedoms protected under the European Convention on Human Rights.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

#### **EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

• Supranational or international court established by the European Convention on Human Rights

• Ensure Council of Europe member states do not violate its citizen's human rights and freedoms, such as . . .

## YOUR PROTECTED HUMAN RIGHTS

- Right to access court.
- Right to self-representation in court.
- Right to life.
- Right to privacy.

## YOUR PROTECTED HUMAN RIGHTS

- Right to equality of your rights in marriage.
- Right to found a family.
- Freedom of association, to choose *your* association with private persons.

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

# "VIOLENCE" IS <u>NOT</u> NECESSARY FOR COURTS TO FIND "VIOLATION" OF YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS.

• *Unwanted* contact, for example, does <u>not</u> necessarily involve violence, yet may violate *your* human rights.

- Access court yourself.
- Self-Help to file a civil action.

Lawyers are <u>not</u> necessary for courts to ensure *your* human rights are secured to prevent human rights violations.

• ASSERT UNWANTED CONTACT VIOLATES YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS.

• *Unwanted* contact is <u>not</u> a protected human right.

• Prevent *unwanted* contact that has or is likely to harass, intimidate or threaten you at home, work, on the phone, via text or internet.

# Prevent unwanted contact from anyone, including

- your husband
- intimate partner
- parent of your children
- family members

- Protect yourself from threat of unwanted contact
- File your own complaint
- Request a civil protection court order.

PREVENT VIOLATIONS OF YOUR

**HUMAN RIGHTS WITHOUT** 

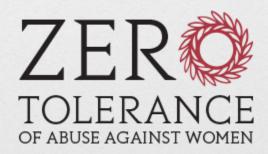
- Police report
- Hospital/medical record
- Attorney

#### DO-IT-YOURSELF

- JOIN THOUSANDS OF EU MEMBER STATE CITIZENS SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS
- "SELF-HELP"
- GAIN ACCESS COURT
- FILE COURT APPLICATION FOR IMMEDIATE NO CONTACT ORDER
- PREVENT UNWANTED CONTACT IN VIOLATION OF YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS

- ACCEPT NO LESS THAN "ZERO TOLERANCE" OF *UNWANTED*CONTACT FROM ANYONE
- BE A SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT
- FILE BY HAND YOUR OWN CIVIL PROTECTION COMPLAINT
- READ IN COURT UNDER OATH YOUR OWN REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE COURT ORDER PROTECTION
- PLACE THE LAW IN YOUR HANDS

### ONE WOMAN AT A TIME



- ATTEND FREE OWAAT COMPLAINT CENTERS
- LEARN YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS;
- OBTAIN <u>FREE</u> GUIDANCE ABOUT SELF-HELP ACCESS TO COURT;
- PLACE THE LAW IN YOUR HANDS TO PREVENT UNWANTED CONTACT

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