

## Press Release

War Against Rape welcomes the draft Anti-Rape bill approval by the Senate's Standing Committee

Dated February 25, 2015: War Against Rape welcomes the constitutional amendment draft "Anti-Rape Laws (Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill 2014 passed by the Senate's Standing Committee of Law and Justice.

This important bill seeks to amend various sections of the Pakistan Penal code 1860, the Law of Evidence, the Code of Criminal Procedure. The bill seeks to ensure speedy justice to rape Survivors calling for an in-camera trial, and binds the courts to decide rape cases in six months. It calls for immediate medical examination and DNA test and imprisonment of 'public servant' for failing in its duty to carry out diligent investigation

War Against Rape urged the Government to ensure passing of the bill in the Assemblies on priority. Appreciating the amendments and terming them a positive development, WAR hopes that the amendments will ultimately improve the low statistics of convictions in rape cases.

War Against Rape also hopes that with these amendments, the alarming trend of encouraging Survivors of rape to settle for a compromise with the accused.

