

# Proposal for Spring Congress

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The Spring Congress may decide:

## 1 Legalize pepper spray

### 2 Considering that:

- 3 • 35 pct of all women in the world have at some point during their life, been subjected to  
4 violence or/and sexual abuse, according to WHO (World Health Organisation)
- 5 • Each year, over 1.6 million people, worldwide, lose their lives to violence. Violence is  
6 among the leading causes of death for people aged 15–44 years worldwide, accounting  
7 for 14 pct of deaths among men and 7 pct of deaths among women.

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### 9 Noting that:

- 10 • Women from all around the world still walks around with a pepper spray in their handbag,  
11 with the risk of getting punished if she choose to use it for defending herself.
- 12 • Pepper spray is not directly dangerous, and can not be used as weapon for killing.
- 13 • There have been cases of women using hair spray instead of pepper spray, for the  
14 reason that it is legal to carry around, even though it can give permanent injuries,  
15 opposite pepper spray, which only gives temporary injuries.

### 16 Believe that:

- 17 • Everyone have the right to defend themselves against abuse and violence without getting  
18 punished.
- 19 • Criminals are criminals, and if they want to use pepper spray as a weapon, they don't  
20 care if it legalized to carry around.
- 21 • Liberalism is about freedom and the people's right to take care of themselves.

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### 23 Lymec calls for:

- 24 • Countries to legalize pepper spray to be carried in public spaces to be used as a defence  
25 against criminality, especially violence, abuse and rapes.
- 26 • Countries to legalize the possibility of distribution pepper spray in stores within the  
27 country, yet with a high level of security.

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