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According to the All-China Women's Federation statistic in 2016, 30 percent of 270 million families had experienced domestic violence. Every 7.4 seconds in average, there is one woman battered by her husband. In order to combat domestic abuse and safeguard family harmony, the Anti-domestic Violence Law of the People's Republic of China, which is the first nation-wide law on domestic violence, was put into effect on 1st March 2016.

The Anti-domestic Violence Law has made significant progress since its implementation. Provinces and authorities have introduced concrete ordinances and policies to protect members of family including women, children and elderlies. The Anti-domestic Violence Law is crucial in prevention and control of domestic violence. It also marked an important milestone for the promotion of human rights in China.

Having said that, in 2016, “the Law on Preventing and Combating Domestic Violence” was put into effect in Macau, which stipulates that a review is required and evaluation report on the execution has to be released within three years after its implementation. In this connection, we suggest the PRC government to consider a review of the respective law on regular basis and continuously ameliorate if deemed necessary.