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The review covers notable 2024 legal actions and developments in women's representation in political leadership around the world, gender-based violence and discrimination, human trafficking, peace and security, and developments in International Criminal Courts and tribunals.

Notable international rulings include the ICC's first ruling recognizing gender-based persecution as a crime against humanity in *The Prosecutor v. Al Hassan*, key ECHR cases on discrimination and violence against women, the EU's Directive 2024/1385 criminalizing practices such as FGM, forced marriage, and cyber violence, and Sierra Leone's Prohibition of Child Marriage Act imposing penalties on all who enable underage marriage.

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