

## Resolution 17/1

### Efforts in the fight against trafficking in persons

*The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,*

*Recalling* the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>17</sup> and, in particular, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,<sup>18</sup> and other relevant instruments,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 61/180 of 20 December 2006, on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons, and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/27 of 27 July 2006, on strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking,

*Recalling further* its decisions 16/1 and 16/2, concerning the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking,

*Underlining* the need to continue to work towards a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the problem of trafficking in persons through the appropriate national, regional and international mechanisms,

1. *Welcomes* the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held from 13 to 15 February 2008, as a part of the awareness-raising efforts to fight human trafficking;

2. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue consultations with Member States and to ensure that the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking is carried out as a technical assistance project within the mandates agreed by the relevant governing bodies and to brief Member States on the workplan of the Global Initiative, to be executed before the end of the project, in 2009;

3. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, within its existing mandate, to use the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and, when appropriate and justified, other relevant intergovernmental mechanisms to continue to raise public awareness, increase knowledge, facilitate cooperation and partnerships and implement actions to combat human trafficking;

4. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider taking measures to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>19</sup> and, in particular, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>18</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

<sup>19</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>20</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

5. *Encourages* Member States to continue to strengthen their national policies and their cooperation with the United Nations system to combat human trafficking;

6. *Invites* Member States to take measures, such as raising public awareness, to discourage the demand that fosters all forms of exploitation, in accordance with the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, where applicable;

7. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in its capacity as coordinator of the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons, to report on its activities to the Commission at its eighteenth session;

8. *Invites* Member States to consider the possibility of providing voluntary contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations, for the conduct of technical assistance activities to ensure the effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and the Trafficking in Persons Protocol;

9. *Also invites* Member States to actively participate in the thematic debate of the General Assembly on human trafficking, to be held in June 2008.