

Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,

Noting with appreciation the adoption of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons by the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session,⁵⁴ and underlining the importance of its full implementation,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 61/180 of 20 December 2006, 63/194 of 18 December 2008 and 64/178 of 18 December 2009, all entitled “Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons”, and other Assembly resolutions on trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery, in particular resolutions 63/156 of 18 December 2008, entitled “Trafficking in women and girls”, and 64/137 of 18 December 2009, entitled “Intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women”,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/33 of 25 July 2008, entitled “Strengthening coordination of the United Nations and other efforts in fighting trafficking in persons”, and the previous resolutions of the Council on trafficking in persons, including resolution 2006/27 of 27 July 2006, entitled “Strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking”,

Reaffirming its resolution 19/4 of 21 May 2010, entitled “Measures for achieving progress on the issue of trafficking in persons, pursuant to the Salvador Declaration on Comprehensive Strategies for Global Challenges: Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Systems and Their Development in a Changing World”, and recalling its resolutions 19/1 of 21 May 2010, entitled “Strengthening public-private partnerships to counter crime in all its forms and manifestations”, and 19/2 of 21 May 2010, entitled “Strengthening the collection, analysis and reporting of comparable crime related data”,

Reaffirming also the important role of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime⁵⁵ and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Convention,⁵⁶ and acknowledging that these are the principal legally binding global instruments to combat trafficking in persons,

Welcoming the work of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and expressing its appreciation for the decision by the Conference that its Working Group on Trafficking in Persons should continue its work and hold at least one intersessional meeting prior to the sixth session of the Conference,

⁵⁴ Resolution 64/293.

⁵⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

⁵⁶ *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

Welcoming also the steps taken by human rights treaty bodies and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, the Special Rapporteur of the Council on violence against women, its causes and consequences, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and its consequences, and by United Nations agencies and other concerned intergovernmental and governmental organizations, within their existing mandates, as well as by civil society, to address the serious crime of trafficking in persons, and encouraging them to continue to do so and to share their knowledge and best practices as widely as possible,

Expressing its strong condemnation of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, which constitutes an offence and a serious threat to human dignity and physical integrity, human rights and development,

Noting concerns about the possible links between trafficking in persons and other forms of transnational organized crime,

Expressing its serious concern at the increasing number of reported incidents of trafficking in persons for the purpose of organ removal, as noted in the report of the Secretary-General on preventing, combating and punishing trafficking in human organs,⁵⁷ which concluded that there was a lack of reliable data in that regard,

Aware of the fact that socio-economic factors such as poverty, underdevelopment and lack of equal opportunity provide fertile ground for trafficking in persons, and reiterating that comprehensive crime prevention policies, together with social, economic, health, education, justice and human rights policies, must address the root causes of the crime of trafficking in persons,

Recognizing the need to promote, by harmonizing the efforts of Member States and relevant international organizations and institutions to implement the Global Plan of Action, the universal ratification and full implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Convention, as well as of other relevant international instruments that address trafficking in persons, and to reinforce the implementation of existing instruments against trafficking in persons,

Welcoming the launch of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, which will operate as a subsidiary fund of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Fund managed by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in accordance with paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 64/293, and acknowledging previous and ongoing contributions to other funding sources that support efforts to combat trafficking in persons,

Acknowledging the central role of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the global fight against trafficking in persons and its role as coordinator of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons and the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking,

⁵⁷ E/CN.15/2006/10.

Bearing in mind the need to strengthen the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons under the coordination of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in order to ensure overall coordination and coherence in the efforts of the United Nations system to respond to trafficking in persons, including through the implementation of the Global Plan of Action,

1. *Urges* Member States and invites the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,⁵⁸ other United Nations bodies and agencies and other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, within their respective mandates, to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,⁵⁹ including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal;

2. *Invites* Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

3. *Invites* Member States to address the issue of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, including through the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, with the aim of eliminating all forms of such trafficking, including trafficking for the purposes of organ removal and sexual exploitation of children;

4. *Urges* Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to, as a matter of priority, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Convention;⁶⁰

5. *Calls upon* Member States to address the demand that fuels trafficking in persons for all forms of exploitation with a view to eliminating such demand and, to that end, to enhance preventive measures, including legislative measures, to deter exploiters of trafficked persons and to ensure that they are held accountable;

6. *Invites* Member States to take all appropriate measures to monitor and regulate the practices of employment recruitment agencies in order to ensure that such agencies are not used to facilitate trafficking in persons;

7. *Invites* Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary resources for these purposes in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

8. *Requests* the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to take steps, as necessary, to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the fight against trafficking in persons;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to promote public-private partnerships to counter trafficking in persons, especially women and children, including for the purpose of organ removal, and to consider

⁵⁸ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

⁵⁹ General Assembly resolution 64/293.

⁶⁰ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

this a priority area for such partnerships under the terms of paragraph 4 of Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 19/1;

10. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to strengthen its capacity to collect and analyse information and to report biennially, starting in 2012, on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons at all levels in a reliable and comprehensive manner, with a balanced perspective on both supply and demand, as a step towards, inter alia, improving the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in close cooperation and collaboration with Member States, and to share best practices and lessons learned from various initiatives and mechanisms;

11. *Further requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to consider and follow up on the need to include information relating to the fight against trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in its programmes, as appropriate;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission at its twenty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.