Decision 16/2

Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, recalling its decision 16/1, especially paragraphs (b) and (c), in which it decided to take a decision on the political aspects of the proposed event on the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, with particular emphasis on its preparatory process, form and possible outcome, and requested its Chairman to hold informal open-ended intergovernmental consultations and to report to it at one of its intersessional meetings on the outcome of the consultations in order for it to take the decision:

(a) Notes with appreciation the intersessional work of the Commission in this regard under the guidance of its Chairman;

(b) Also notes the efforts of the Secretariat to inform and engage Member States in related consultations;

(c) Endorses the decision on the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, contained in the annex to the present decision, approved at its intersessional meeting held on 1 August 2007.

Annex

United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking

The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, at its intersessional meeting held on 1 August 2007,

Welcoming the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (UN.GIFT),

Recalling decision 16/1 of the sixteenth session of the Commission, in which it was decided that the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking should be guided by Member States,

Also recalling that in the same decision the Commission decided to take a decision on the political aspects of the proposed November 2007 event on UN.GIFT, with particular emphasis on its preparatory process, form and possible outcome,


6 General Assembly resolution 55/25, annexes I and II.
Also stressing that the Vienna Forum should reflect the universality of the crime of and the fight against human trafficking through a balanced and equitable approach.

1. **Decides** to hold, instead of the proposed November 2007 event, a forum on the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, hereinafter referred to as the Vienna Forum, in Vienna from 13 to 15 February 2008;

2. **Decides** that the objectives of the Vienna Forum should be to raise awareness, facilitate cooperation and partnerships among the various stakeholders, and avoid duplication of efforts in the fight against human trafficking, with due regard to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;

3. **Decides** that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime will present an inventory of existing initiatives, instruments and related information at the Vienna Forum, under the auspices of UN.GIFT, with the aim of further exchange of such information among participants;

4. **Decides** that the Vienna Forum will bring together representatives of Member States, United Nations agencies and other international and regional organizations, and will be open to relevant non-governmental organizations, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Economic and Social Council, business entities, academia, media representatives and individual experts. The list of invitees should be prepared in consultation with the Member States;

5. **Decides** that the provisional programme be considered and endorsed by Member States by the end of September 2007;

6. **Stresses** the importance of conducting UN.GIFT in full compliance with the mandate and decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

7. **Requests** the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to consult with Member States in the event of a proposal to create a trust fund for UN.GIFT;

8. **Requests** the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to be vigilant and assume responsibility for the contents of the information and the material on the basis of established practice. In this context, the Office will also provide access to its website for use by Member States to review all relevant Vienna Forum materials as they are developed;

9. **Also requests** the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to hold regular consultations with Member States during the process of preparations for and at the Vienna Forum;
10. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to provide Member States, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime with all information on the proceedings of the Vienna Forum as well as on progress and future planning of UN.GIFT, including by providing reports on the meetings of the steering group and reports of regional and expert group meetings.