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*[on the recommendation of the Commission on Crime Prevention
and Criminal Justice (E/2013/30 and Corr.1)]*

2013/41. Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Reiterating 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,

Expressing its serious concern that, despite sustained measures taken at the international, regional and national levels, trafficking in persons remains one of the gravest crimes facing the international community and requires a more concerted collective and comprehensive international response,

Recognizing the significance of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010, and underlining the importance of its full implementation,

Reaffirming its resolution 2008/33 of 25 July 2008, entitled “Strengthening coordination of the United Nations and other efforts in fighting trafficking in persons”, and Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice resolution 20/3 of 15 April 2011, entitled “Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons”,¹

Welcoming the decision taken by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/190 of 20 December 2012 to convene a high-level meeting of the Assembly at its sixty-seventh session to appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments,

Emphasizing the role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including as coordinator of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons,

¹ See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2011, Supplement No. 10 (E/2011/30)*, chap. I, sect. D.



Emphasizing also the central role of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in the global fight against trafficking in persons, particularly in providing technical assistance to implement the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime² and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,³ by making use of existing capacity-building tools, lessons learned and expertise available in international organizations, including the international framework for action to implement the Protocol,

Recognizing the important role of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/293, in providing humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of trafficking in persons,

Noting that, in accordance with article 32 of the Convention, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime was established, inter alia, to improve the capacity of States parties to promote and review the implementation of the Convention, including the Protocol, and, in that context, the outcomes of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, held in Vienna from 15 to 19 October 2012,⁴

Recalling the World Health Organization guiding principles on human cell, tissue and organ transplantation, endorsed by the sixty-third World Health Assembly in its resolution 63.22 of 21 May 2010,⁵

Expressing its serious concern at the number of reported incidents of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs and the ongoing lack of reliable data in that regard,

Reaffirming the recommendations adopted by the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons at its meeting held from 10 to 12 October 2011 on the issue of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs,⁶

1. *Urges* Member States and other stakeholders mentioned in the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,⁷ and invites the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and other relevant international, regional and subregional organizations, within their respective mandates, to continue to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal;

2. *Reaffirms* that the Global Plan of Action was developed:

(a) To promote universal ratification of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime² and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime³ as well as other

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.

⁴ See CTOC/COP/2012/15.

⁵ See World Health Organization, document WHA63/2010/REC/1.

⁶ See CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/8.

⁷ General Assembly resolution 64/293.

relevant international instruments that address trafficking in persons, and reinforce the implementation of existing instruments against trafficking in persons;

(b) To help Member States to reinforce their political commitments and legal obligations to prevent and combat trafficking in persons;

(c) To promote comprehensive, coordinated and consistent responses at the national, regional and international levels to counter trafficking in persons;

(d) To promote a human rights-based and gender- and age-sensitive approach in addressing all factors that make people vulnerable to trafficking in persons and in strengthening the criminal justice response, which are necessary to prevent trafficking in persons, protect its victims and prosecute its perpetrators;

(e) To raise awareness within the United Nations system and also among States and other stakeholders, such as the private sector, civil society and the international and national mass media, and the public at large;

(f) To foster cooperation and coordination among all relevant stakeholders, including Member States, international organizations, civil society organizations and the private sector, and among the various entities of the United Nations system, taking into account existing best practices and lessons learned;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to integrate the Global Plan of Action into its programmes and activities and continue to provide, at the national and regional levels, technical assistance to countries, upon their request, aimed at strengthening their ability to ensure full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action;

4. *Invites* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and other relevant agencies of the United Nations system, in coordination with the Office in its capacity as coordinator of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, to increase the activities of the Group related to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in its capacity as fund manager of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, to continue to encourage contributions by States and all other relevant stakeholders to the Trust Fund;

6. *Encourages* Member States, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and other relevant bodies, where appropriate, to share information, experiences and good practices on anti-trafficking activities, including on combating trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs;

7. *Invites* the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to request its Working Group on Trafficking in Persons to continue to discuss, at one of its upcoming meetings, the issue of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs;

8. *Welcomes* the publication by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime of the Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2012, pursuant to the Global Plan of Action, and emphasizes the need to translate that publication, as well as future editions of the Global Report into the six official languages of the United Nations, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/293;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to gather evidence-based data on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs, and to include those data in future editions of the Global Report;

10. *Also requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to include cases of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs in the human trafficking case law database;

11. *Encourages* Member States to provide to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime evidence-based data on patterns, forms and flows of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs and, where such evidence exists, of tissues and cells, as well as information about cases of trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs and, if such information exists, of tissues and cells;

12. *Acknowledges* the important role of civil society organizations in providing assistance and empowerment to victims of trafficking in persons, helping them to seek redress and facilitating the care of and provision of appropriate services to victims, including close cooperation and coordination with law enforcement officials;

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

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twenty-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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