

Constructive Dialogue on the UNTOC and Protocols' review process following the conclusion of the eleventh meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants

Monday, 15 July 2024
10 AM – 1 PM; 3 PM – 6 PM (CEST)

Hybrid format

(VIC Boardroom D and online participation through Microsoft Teams)

PROGRAMME

I. Opening of the meeting

- The Co-Chairs of the Dialogue will deliver introductory remarks

II. Briefing on the developments and outcomes of the review process

- The Secretariat will provide an overview of the current status of the review process and present on the support provided to States parties in the framework of the UNTOC Review Mechanism
- Interventions and/or questions from non-governmental stakeholders on the review process

III. Spotlight on the 11th meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants

- The Co-Chairs will brief participants about the developments and outcomes of the [11th meeting of the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants](#)
- Panel discussions to unpack the substantive topics:

Panel 1: Preventing and combatting the smuggling of migrants through international cooperation while addressing its root causes, in line with the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto

Followed by a Q&A session and collection of inputs on related activities

Panel 2: Protection and assistance measures for smuggled migrants

- Followed by a Q&A session and collection of inputs on related activities

IV. Interactive exchange on relevant activities of non-governmental stakeholders

- Tour-de-table with interventions and contributions from stakeholders with a specific focus on three standing agenda items:

- ❖ Role of non-governmental stakeholders in the universalization and implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, particularly with regard to addressing root causes, protection and assistance, and international cooperation.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- How can non-governmental stakeholders contribute to the universalization of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, and where do you see a particularly important role for civil society stakeholders in the provision of protection and assistance measures to smuggled migrants?
 - How can cooperation between governmental and non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, be improved to better address the protection and assistance needs of smuggled migrants?
 - Which would be the single most important measure that you would identify that would be needed to better address this crime? (knowing it is of course complex and in need of a holistic approach)
 - What are the challenges and opportunities for non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, in engaging with States parties to enable stronger implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol?
- ❖ States parties' technical assistance needs and non-governmental stakeholders' engagement/participation, particularly with regard to addressing root causes, protection and assistance, and international cooperation.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- How could State parties and UNODC expand the engagement and participation of non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, in the implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, particularly regarding the issues of international cooperation, root causes of migrant smuggling and the provision of protection and assistance measures to smuggled migrants?
- What are promising formats to ensure the meaningful participation and engagement of non-governmental stakeholders, including the private sector, in the implementation of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol.
- In what parts of the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol do non-governmental stakeholders see the need for expanded technical assistance to States parties?

- How can non-governmental stakeholders contribute to States' technical capacity of identifying the protection and assistance needs of smuggled migrants? And how can they contribute to assess the effectiveness of protection and assistance measures currently provided by States?
- ❖ Gender, youth, human rights and victim-centred approaches to prevent and counter the smuggling of migrants, particularly with regard to addressing root causes, protection and assistance, and international cooperation.

Suggested guiding questions for the discussion:

- How do gender dimensions and age factors influence the risks faced by smuggled migrants, and how should they shape national response strategies including those related to protection and assistance measures for smuggled migrants?
- What role can youth play in preventing and countering migrant smuggling, and how can governments and other stakeholders better engage them in these efforts?
- What do human rights-based approaches to countering migrant smuggling and providing protection and assistance measures to smuggled migrants look like, and what are their potential benefits and challenges?
- Which protection and assistance measures are particularly valuable and necessary for smuggled women and children? What should States be advised to improve in this regard?
- How can civil society organizations ensure that smuggled migrants have access to human rights-based, gender- and culture-sensitive and age-appropriate protection and assistance measures?

V. Closing of the meeting

- The Co-Chairs of the Dialogue will deliver concluding remarks