



Different & Equal contribution to Constructive Dialogues on Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons – 1 July 2022

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Different & Equal (D&E) is a non-profit organization in Albania dedicated to providing high quality services for the protection and reintegration of victims of trafficking, exploitation and abuse, and to changing the legal, institutional and social context to counter these abuses. D&E's main activities include: victim identification and referral; provision of comprehensive, long-term, reintegration services (residential and community based); prevention of trafficking through support to vulnerable groups; training and capacity building of state and civil society partners; technical assistance in drafting laws and legislation to protect victims of trafficking; and advocacy around the rights and protection for trafficking victims.

For this Constructive Dialogues for the Review Mechanism of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), I would like to emphasize the importance of increasing the efforts for the identification, protection and assistance for victims of trafficking especially for women and their children.

- More proactive work should be done by governments, civil society and other actors for the identification of victims of trafficking and to increase the efforts and capacity of authorities to screen for exploitation and trafficking indicators in the migration flows.
- Improving the legal and institutional framework for the protection of victims of trafficking. Many countries do not have an anti-trafficking law. A comprehensive anti-trafficking law with specific focus on the protection of victims of trafficking is important for an effective anti-trafficking legal framework in each country and as a result in ensuring effective protection, and assistance for the successful reintegration of victims of trafficking.
- Ensuring the long term assistance for victims of trafficking by providing a full package of reintegration assistance tailored to specific needs of each case.