



# Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

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**Review of the implementation of the United Nations  
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime  
and the Protocols thereto: Protocol to Prevent,  
Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons,  
Especially Women and Children**

## **Report on the meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held in Vienna from 16 to 18 November 2015**

### **Note by the Secretariat**

1. In its decision 4/4, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime acknowledged that the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, was the principal legally binding global instrument to combat trafficking in persons. In that decision, the Conference also decided to establish an open-ended interim working group on trafficking in persons. The previous meetings of the Working Group were held on 14 and 15 April 2009, from 27 to 29 January 2010, on 19 October 2010, from 10 to 12 October 2011 and from 6 to 8 November 2013.
2. In its resolution 7/1 on strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, the Conference decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons would be a constant element of the Conference of the Parties, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference.
3. The Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held its sixth meeting from 16 to 18 November 2015. In accordance with resolution 7/1, the report on the sixth meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2015/6) will be made available to the Conference at its eighth session.

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