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Successful Strategies Addressing the Use of Technology to Facilitate Trafficking in Persons and to Prevent and Investigate Trafficking in Persons

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Excellencies,

The information technology quick development participates passively in increasing trafficking in persons cases and hands unintentionally a very safe and powerful tool to the traffickers to be used during all the stages of the crime. In response to this challenge, Egypt took significant steps to encounter this new trends by enforcing its legal and institutional framework, raising the public awareness as well as building the national capacities.

First, Egypt issued the counter cybercrimes law no.175/2018 criminalizing all unlawful acts – including human trafficking - committed through the computer systems and information technology. This law creates the legal way of using the electronic data as case evidence before the courts.

Secondly, enforcing the institutional framework by establishing two dedicate units at the **public prosecutor office** working on monitoring all types of crimes committed through social media platforms and/or websites. A department for combating Computer and Information Networks crimes was established at the **Ministry of Interior**, and a social media unite working on monitoring all the child violence crimes committed through the social media platforms and/or websites allocated at the **National Council for Childhood and Motherhood**.

Thirdly, the National Coordinating Committee for Combating and preventing Illegal Migration and Trafficking in Persons “NCCPIM&TIP” worked on building the national capacities by including a dedicated session in the training workshops conducted for law enforcement officers about the digital evidence and open sources investigation and the way of tackling the online commercials crimes on the social media.

Fourthly, NCCPIM&TIP used different social media and online video-sharing platforms to publish the 2 waves of the national counter trafficking awareness raising campaigns.



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Fifthly, Egypt amended the Egyptian Penal Code, to include witnessing and hearings from distance through modern technologies as a protective measure for victims and witnesses.

Finally, to face this challenge arising from the economic impact of the pandemic, competent authorities and agencies should have the necessary technologies and assistance that would help them in this regard and creating opportunities that would improve the living conditions in their societies. More countries are encouraged to cooperate in combating TIP crimes and drafting laws for combating cybercrimes, and adopting international and regional measures that would provide a presence for law enforcement bodies on the internet to monitor any unlawful acts including trafficking in Persons.