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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The eighth meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons will be opened on Monday, 2 July 2018, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 7/1, entitled “Strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons would be a constant element of the Conference, forwarding its reports and recommendations to it, and encouraged the Working Group to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold its meetings consecutively with other working groups of the Conference, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.

At its meeting on 22 January 2018, the extended Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed that the eighth meeting of the Working Group would be held in Vienna on 2 and 3 July 2018. Moreover, on 23 March 2018, the extended Bureau agreed, using the silence procedure, on the substantive topic of the Working Group for that meeting.



The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 7/1 in order to enable the Working Group to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available to it. The resources available will permit the holding of four plenary meetings over two days, with interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons: considering the needs and rights of victims

Although the topic of the rights of victims of trafficking in persons has been addressed by the Working Group in previous meetings, those discussions have not focused specifically on a victim-centred approach in the context of international cooperation. The victim considerations in cases of trafficking in persons make international cooperation with respect to those cases different from cooperation relating to other organized crime offences. In addition, although the Working Group has in the past highlighted the importance of the aspect of international cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons, no recommendations have been issued on the topic.

Under the proposed topic, the Working Group may therefore wish to discuss aspects of international cooperation with a special focus on measures related to protection and victim support. Such deliberations may serve to strengthen the victim-sensitive approach that is emphasized in the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and other relevant international standards and instruments.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the Working Group will have before it a background paper prepared by the Secretariat entitled “International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons: considering the needs and rights of victims”.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat, entitled “International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons: considering the needs and rights of victims” (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2018/2)

3. Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference decided to continue the process of establishing the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto based on the recommendations contained in the report on the open-ended intergovernmental meeting to explore all options regarding an appropriate and effective review mechanism for the Convention and the Protocols thereto held in Vienna on 6 and 7 June 2016 (CTOC/COP/WG.8/2016/2). In the same resolution, the Conference also decided to elaborate specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism, for consideration and adoption by the Conference at its ninth session, which was to be guided by the principles and characteristics set out in Conference resolution 5/5.

Also in its resolution 8/2, the Conference decided that the review mechanism should progressively address all the articles of the Convention and the Protocols thereto for each of the instruments that States parties are parties to, grouped in thematic clusters in accordance with the content of their provisions, and that, in order to review each thematic cluster of articles, the relevant working group should define, in the following two years, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a short, precise and focused self-assessment questionnaire.

At its seventh meeting, held from 6 to 8 September 2017, the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons considered a draft questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat for the review of the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in accordance

with Conference resolution 8/2 (see [CTOC/COP/WG.4/2017/3](#)). The comments and suggestions made at the meeting were set out in a non-paper that was circulated at the request of the Chair as an outcome document of the meeting. For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Working Group will have before it a non-paper containing the amended draft questionnaire for the review of the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in accordance with Conference resolution 8/2 (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2018/CRP.1). No other documentation is currently expected under this agenda item.

Documentation

Non-paper containing a draft questionnaire for the review of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in accordance with resolution 8/2 of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2018/CRP.1)

4. Other matters

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 4 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, no documentation regarding the item is currently foreseen.

5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is expected to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Monday, 2 July		
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons: considering the needs and rights of victims
3–6 p.m.	2	International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons: considering the needs and rights of victims (<i>continued</i>)
	3	Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol
	Tuesday, 3 July	
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	3	Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (<i>continued</i>)
3–6 p.m.	4	Other matters
	5	Adoption of the report