

30th session of the CCPCJ - Side event



## *Addressing demand that fosters trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation*

Tuesday, 18 May 2021, 2:10-3:00 pm // Online



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### EVENT DESCRIPTION

Trafficking in human beings for the purpose of sexual exploitation is the most detected form of trafficking worldwide according to the 2020 UNODC Global Report on trafficking in persons. This form of trafficking can be understood as a business market that is fuelled by demand for sexual services. The demand refers not only the consumer demand, but also employers demand in the sex industry and third parties' demands.

States' obligations to address demand for trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation are recognised in a number of global and regional international instruments.

The joint Swedish and French strategy for combating human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in Europe and globally focuses on initiating constructive discussions with States, international organisations and civil society representatives regarding the nexus between human trafficking for sexual exploitation and prostitution, sexual and gender-based violence, and the effects of criminalising the buyer but not the person in prostitution.

Contemporary approaches and good practices to address the demand will be presented by Representatives of Member States, as well as Representatives of NGO and the Private Sector.

This side-event will be moderated by Ilias Chatzis, Chief of the UNODC Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section.

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