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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons will be opened on Wednesday, 27 January 2010, at 10 a.m.



(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda for the meeting was prepared in accordance with decision 4/4, entitled “Trafficking in human beings”, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime at its fourth session, held in Vienna from 8 to 17 October 2008.

In its decision 4/4, the Conference 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, affirmed that a primary purpose of the Conference was to improve the capacity of States parties to combat trafficking in persons, called upon States parties to continue to strengthen their national legislations and policies for the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, and encouraged Member States to continue to strengthen their cooperation with the United Nations system to combat human trafficking.

Also in its decision 4/4, the Conference decided to establish an open-ended interim working group, in accordance with article 32, paragraph 3, of the Organized Crime Convention and rule 2, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure for the Conference, to be chaired by a member of the bureau, to advise and assist the Conference in the implementation of its mandate with regard to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

In the same decision, the Conference decided that the working group should meet during the fifth session of the Conference and should hold at least one intersessional meeting before that session. In that regard, the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons met in Vienna on 14 and 15 April 2009.

In its decision 4/4, the Conference also decided that the chairman of the working group should submit a report on the activities of the working group to the Conference and that the Conference would review and take a decision on the effectiveness and future of the working group at its sixth session, in 2012.

The proposed organization of work, contained in the annex to the present document, was prepared in accordance with Conference decision 4/4 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 to the Working Group will permit the holding of two plenary meetings per day with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, including national and regional efforts

In its decision 4/4, the Conference decided that the working group should facilitate implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol through the exchange of experience and practices between experts and practitioners in this area, including by contributing to the identification of weaknesses, gaps and challenges. In this connection, the Working Group may wish to make recommendations to the Conference on how States parties can better implement the provisions of the

Trafficking in Persons Protocol. It may also wish to make recommendations to assist the Conference in providing guidance to its secretariat on activities relating to the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Documentation

Report on the meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held in Vienna on 14 and 15 April 2009 (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2009/2)

3. Analysis of key concepts of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting an analysis of key concepts of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in particular the concepts of “exploitation” and “exploitation of the prostitution of others”.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the analysis of key concepts of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2010/2)

4. Good practices and tools in discouraging the demand for exploitative services

In its decision 4/4, the Conference invited States to take measures to discourage the demand that fostered all forms of exploitation consistent with the Trafficking in Persons Protocol. For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper introducing good practices and tools in discouraging the demand for exploitative services.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices and tools in reducing the demand for exploitative services (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2010/3)

5. Non-punishment and non-prosecution of victims of trafficking in persons: administrative and judicial approaches to offences committed in the process of such trafficking

For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting an overview of the notion of non-liability of victims of trafficking in persons.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on non-punishment and non-prosecution of victims of trafficking in persons: administrative and judicial approaches to offences committed in the process of such trafficking (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2010/4)

6. Good practices and tools for use in case management, including by front-line law enforcement authorities responding to trafficking in persons

In its decision 4/4, the Conference urged States parties to take or strengthen measures, including through bilateral or multilateral cooperation, to improve the ability of law enforcement agencies to cooperate in investigations of trafficking in persons. For its consideration of this item, the Working Group will have before it a background paper presenting good practices and tools for use in management of cases involving trafficking in persons.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on good practices and tools for use in case management, including by front-line law enforcement authorities responding to trafficking in persons (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2010/5)

7. Other matters

8. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is 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 and description</i>
Wednesday, 27 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
3-6 p.m.	2	Implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, including national and regional efforts
	3	Analysis of key concepts of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
Thursday, 28 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Good practices and tools in discouraging the demand for exploitative services
3-6 p.m.	4	Good practices and tools in discouraging the demand for exploitative services (<i>continued</i>)
	5	Non-punishment and non-prosecution of victims of trafficking in persons: administrative and judicial approaches to offences committed in the process of such trafficking
Friday, 29 January		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Non-punishment and non-prosecution of victims of trafficking in persons: administrative and judicial approaches to offences committed in the process of such trafficking (<i>continued</i>)
3-6 p.m.	6	Good practices and tools for use in case management, including by front-line law enforcement authorities responding to trafficking in persons
	7	Other matters
	8	Adoption of the report