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I. Introduction

1. In its decision 4/4, entitled “Trafficking in human beings”, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime 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 Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
2. In its decision 4/4, the Conference also decided that the Chair 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.
3. In its resolution 5/2, entitled “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”, the Conference decided that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons should continue to perform those functions set forth in Conference decision 4/4.
4. In that resolution, the Conference also decided that the working group would present its recommendations to the Conference on whether the working group should be extended and, if so, proposed areas of future work.



II. Organization of the meeting

A. Opening of the meeting

5. The fourth session of the working group on trafficking in persons of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto was held in Vienna from 10 to 12 October 2011. Six meetings were held during the session.

6. The meeting of the working group was chaired by Dominika Krois (Poland). Following the opening statement by the Chair, an introductory statement was made by a representative of the secretariat and by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children.

7. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), Indonesia, India, the Philippines, Argentina, Nicaragua and Algeria.

B. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

8. At its first meeting, on 10 October 2011, the working group adopted by consensus its provisional agenda and organization of work:

1. Organizational matters:
 - (a) Opening of the meeting;
 - (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
2. Trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs.
3. Analysis of key concepts: focus on the concept of “abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability” in article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
4. Victims of trafficking in persons, with particular emphasis on identification.
5. International cooperation in combating trafficking in persons with respect to: addressing supply and demand; and capacity-building and awareness-raising.
6. Proposed areas for future work.
7. Other matters.
8. Adoption of the report.

C. Attendance

9. The following States parties to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime were represented in the Working Group: Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

10. The European Union, a regional economic integration organization that is a party to the Convention, was represented at the meeting.

11. The following States signatories to the Convention were represented by observers: Czech Republic, Japan, Republic of Korea and Thailand.

12. The following observer States, were also represented: Afghanistan, Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan, Singapore, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

13. Palestine, an entity having received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate as an observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, was represented.

14. The following United Nations Secretariat units, programmes and funds and specialized agencies of the United Nations system were represented by observers: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Children's Fund, International Labour Organization.

15. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented by observers: Council of Europe, Indian Ocean Commission, International Centre for Migration Policy Development, International Criminal Police Organization, International Organization for Migration, League of Arab States, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and Southeast European Law Enforcement Center.

16. The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, an entity maintaining a permanent observer office at Headquarters, was represented.

17. A list of participants is contained in document CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/INF.1/Rev.1.

D. Documentation

18. The documents before the working group are listed in the annex to the present report.

Annex**List of documents before the working group on trafficking in persons at its fourth session**

<i>Document number</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/1	1 (b)	Provisional agenda and annotations
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/2	2	Trafficking in persons for the purpose of removal of organs
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/3	3	Analysis of key concepts: focus on the concept of “abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability” in article 3 of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/4	4	Victims of trafficking in persons, with particular emphasis on identification
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/5	5	International cooperation in combating trafficking in persons with respect to: addressing supply and demand; and capacity-building and awareness-raising
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/6	6	Proposed areas for future work
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/7	4	Recommendations proposed by the Chair of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons – Note by the Secretariat
CTOC/COP/WG.4/2010/7	4	Report on the meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held in Vienna on 19 October 2010