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Report of the Chairpersons on the informal consultations on the revised draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

1. In the informal consultations held from 18 to 21 January 2000, during its seventh session, the Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime discussed the revised draft Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (A/AC.254/4/Add.3/Rev.5).

2. Articles 1-8 of the draft Protocol were considered, but discussion of articles 5 *bis* and 7, which are common to articles of the draft United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, was deferred pending finalization of the corresponding provisions of the draft Convention.

3. As a result of that consideration, it is recommended that the following amendments be made to the draft Protocol, as incorporated into the revised text contained in document A/AC.254/L.145/Add.1:

(a) *Article 1*. Paragraph 1 should be amended and paragraphs 2 and 3 deleted, as reflected in footnotes 4-7;

(b) *Article 2*. Paragraph 1 should be amended and paragraphs 2 and 3 deleted, as reflected in footnotes 8-10;

(c) *Article 2 bis*. The former text of this provision, as amended, should become option 1 and two new options proposed by the informal working group should be added as options 2 and 3, as reflected in footnotes 12 and 21-32;

(d) *Article 3*. Paragraph 1 should be amended, as reflected in footnotes 34 and 35;

(e) *Article 4*. Paragraphs 1 and 2 should be amended, paragraphs 2 *bis* and 2 *ter* added and paragraph 4 amended, as reflected in footnotes 39-49;

(f) *Article 5.* The title and paragraphs 1 and 2 should be amended, as reflected in footnotes 50-56;

(g) *Article 6.* No changes to the rolling text were agreed. However, the discussions are reflected in footnotes 61, 63, 65 and 67-69;

(h) *Article 8.* The title and paragraphs 1 and 5 should be amended, as reflected in footnotes 74-77, 81, 84 and 87-91.

4. It is therefore recommended that the revised text of articles 1-8 be accepted for consideration at the next session of the Ad Hoc Committee at which further discussion of the draft Protocol is to take place.
