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#### **World crime trends and responses: integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice**

#### **France and Japan: draft resolution**

#### **Efforts in the fight against trafficking in persons**

*The Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,*

*Recalling* the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>1</sup> and, in particular, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,<sup>2</sup> and related instruments,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 61/180 of 20 December 2006 on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons and Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/27 of 27 July 2006 on strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking,

*Recalling further* its decisions 16/1 and 16/2,

*Recognizing* the impact of the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held from 13 to 15 February 2008, which played an important role in raising awareness with respect to the fight against human trafficking,

*Underlining* the need to continue to work, through existing mechanisms such as the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons, towards a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the problem of trafficking in persons,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.



including by devising, strengthening and enforcing effective measures to reduce the vulnerability of potential victims and the demand for such exploitation, to ensure adequate protection and support for victims and to support the effective prosecution of the perpetrators of such crimes, while respecting the fundamental human rights of all persons,

1. *Welcomes* the awareness-raising achieved through the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking;

2. *Invites* Member States to redouble their efforts to combat trafficking in persons, through their national policies and cooperation with the United Nations system, availing themselves of the contributions of the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking, and calls upon Member States that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>3</sup> and, in particular, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children;<sup>4</sup>

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to raise awareness, increase knowledge, facilitate cooperation and mobilize and utilize resources for concrete projects in order to combat trafficking in persons within its area of expertise and mandates, in particular by assisting Governments in enacting and implementing laws pursuant to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, and invites Member States and other donors to provide extrabudgetary contributions for those purposes, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the United Nations;

4. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to continue to coordinate the activities of the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons, to promote coordination with Member States and to continue supporting national and regional efforts to combat trafficking in persons in its capacity as the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;

5. *Invites* Member States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the United Nations, for technical assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

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<sup>3</sup> Ibid., vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., vol. 2237, No. 39574.