



Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
15 April 2008

Original: English

[Start]

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Seventeenth session

Vienna, 14-18 April 2008

Agenda item 4

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: revised 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 Crime¹ 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,² and other relevant 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, concerning the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking,

Underlining the need to continue to work towards a comprehensive and coordinated approach to the problem of trafficking in persons through the appropriate national, regional and international mechanisms,

1. *Welcomes* the realization of the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking, held from 13 to 15 February 2008, as a part of the awareness-raising efforts to fight human trafficking;

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 2237, No. 39574.



2. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to use existing mechanisms, such as the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to galvanize public awareness, increase knowledge, facilitate cooperation and partnerships and implement concrete projects to combat human trafficking;
3. *Invites* Member States that have not yet done so to consider taking measures to ratify or accede to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime³ and, in particular, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Convention;⁴
4. *Also invites* Member States to strengthen their national policies and their cooperation with the United Nations system to combat human trafficking;
5. *Requests* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in its capacity as coordinator of the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons, to actively plan and enhance coordination of the Group and report on results to the Commission at its eighteenth session;
6. *Encourages* the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, as the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, to improve the capacity of States parties to combat human trafficking and to promote and review the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto;⁵
7. *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 the conduct of international cooperation and technical assistance activities to ensure the effective implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol;
8. *Also invites* Member States to actively participate in the thematic debate of the General Assembly on human trafficking, to be held in June 2008.

³ Ibid., vol. 2225, No. 39574.

⁴ Ibid., vol. 2237, No. 39574.

⁵ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vols. 2225, 2237, 2241 and 2326, No. 39574.