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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The meeting of the open-ended interim working group will be opened on Tuesday, 14 April 2009, 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 of the Conference of the Parties, entitled “Trafficking in human beings”, adopted at the fourth session of the Conference, held in Vienna, Austria, from 8 to 17 October 2008.

In decision 4/4, the Conference recalled the Organized Crime Convention and, in particular, the Trafficking in Persons Protocol and other relevant international



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

It also affirmed that a primary purpose of the Conference was to improve the capacity of States parties to combat trafficking in persons and called upon States to continue to strengthen their national legislations and policies for the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, as well as their cooperation with the United Nations system to combat human trafficking.

The Conference further 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.

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. It 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 (see annex) was similarly prepared in accordance with decision 4/4 of the Conference in order to enable the working group to perform its mandated functions within the time and conference services available.

The resources available will permit the holding of two plenary meetings each day with interpretation in the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Consideration of ways to facilitate and improve 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

In decision 4/4, the Conference decided that the working group should:

(i) 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;

(ii) Make recommendations to the Conference on how States parties can better implement the provisions of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol;

(iii) Assist the Conference in providing guidance to its secretariat on its activities relating to the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Documentation

Status of adherence to 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.4/2009/CRP.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the 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: additional questions for possible discussion (CTOC/COP/2008/6)

Report of the Secretariat on work done by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to promote the 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, and the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC/COP/2008/8)

Report of the Secretariat on the 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: consolidated information received from States for the first reporting cycle (CTOC/COP/2005/3/Rev.2)

Report of the Secretariat on the 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: consolidated information received from States for the second reporting cycle (CTOC/COP/2006/6/Rev.1)

Information submitted by States in their responses to the checklist/questionnaire on the 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 for the first reporting cycle (CTOC/COP/2008/CRP.8)

Information submitted by States in their responses to the checklist/questionnaire on the 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 for the second reporting cycle (CTOC/COP/2008/CRP.11)

3. Consideration of ways to improve coordination with relevant bodies and entities combating trafficking in persons

In its decision 4/4, the Conference acknowledged that the Trafficking in Persons Protocol was the principal legally binding global instrument to combat trafficking in persons and affirmed that the Conference should spearhead international efforts in that regard.

The Conference also 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.

The Conference further decided that the working group should make recommendations to the Conference on how it can better coordinate with the various international bodies combating trafficking in persons with respect to implementing, supporting and promoting the Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Furthermore, the Conference requested the Secretariat to inform the working group on the activities

of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including on its coordinating role for the Inter-Agency Cooperation Group against Trafficking in Persons, and, together with the secretariats of relevant international and regional organizations, to promote and support implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretary-General on improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons (CTOC/COP/2008/9)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Executive Director on the Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking (CTOC/COP/2008/10)

Note by the Secretariat transmitting the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international cooperation in preventing and combating trafficking in persons and protecting victims of such trafficking (CTOC/COP/2008/11)

Report on the Vienna Forum to Fight Human Trafficking (CTOC/COP/2008/CRP.1)

4. Adoption of the report of the Working Group on its meeting

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 or description</i>
Tuesday, 14 April		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Consideration of ways to facilitate and improve implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children
3-6 p.m.	2	Consideration of ways to facilitate and improve implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (<i>continued</i>)
Wednesday, 15 April		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Consideration of ways to improve coordination with relevant bodies and entities combating trafficking in persons
3-6 p.m.	3	Consideration of ways to improve coordination with relevant bodies and entities combating trafficking in persons (<i>continued</i>)
	4	Adoption of the report