

Global Partnership against Slavery and Trafficking in Human Beings in the 21st century (GPAST)

Global Partnership Objectives

CLOSER COORDINATION

- Promoting closer and more effective coordination under the auspices of the UN of national and international efforts to fight and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons

LEGAL BANS

- Streamlining worldwide legal bans on:
 - forced labour of under aged persons
 - sexual slavery of women and girls
 - trade in human organs and other forms of exploitation that disgrace human dignity
 - commercial activities which foster the demand for the victims of trafficking

STRATEGIES TO COMBAT THE CRIME

- Encouraging and providing assistance in working out global, regional and national strategies to combat trafficking in persons

RESEARCH ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- Global and regional research on human trafficking with equal and fair emphasis on the countries of origin, transit and destination of the victims of trafficking

THE UN INVOLVEMENT

- Enlarging the scope of the relevant activities of the UN agencies and encouraging new partners within the UN family to combat human trafficking, protect its victims and facilitate capacity-building

Special Focus On

- Addressing migration, gender and age-specific aspects of human trafficking
- Addressing the criminalization of trafficking
- Countering the demand for the victims of trafficking
- Protecting and reintegrating victims by policies targeting specific groups – women, children and others

- Eradicating the root causes of trafficking with due emphasis on social and economic aspects
- Ensuring comprehensive capacity-building at the national level to suppress human trafficking and related criminal networks

POSSIBLE TOOLS TO STEP UP AND STREAMLINE INTERANRIONAL COOPRATION ON FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING

CORE GROUP

- Formation of a core group of interested states, UN agencies and non-governmental organisations to advance the human trafficking agenda within the United Nations and other international organisations and fora

TASK FORCE

- Creation of a task force as a first step toward the establishment of an interagency working group under the chairmanship of a special advisor of the United Nations Secretary-General

NEW AGENDA ITEM + RESOLUTION

- Introduction of a new item on the agenda of the General Assembly “Trafficking in human beings” and elaboration of a resolution on the issue

INTRODUCTION IN UN DOCUMENTS

- Incorporation of provisions on fighting trafficking in persons and protection of the victims into the relevant resolutions and reports of the United Nations bodies

HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

- Encouragement of debate over human trafficking during the High-level dialogue on International Migration and Development in September 2006

PUBLIC EVENTS

- Briefings, seminars, panel discussions and other events to consider most important aspects of trafficking in persons

Experience of Belarus

- **IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION**
 - Tighter responsibility for activities conducive to trafficking
 - Defining the status of victims and providing due protection

■ PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

- Providing information on traveling abroad including employment
- Elaborating school subjects on sexual upbringing and healthy way of life

■ CAPACITY BUILDING

- Establishment of special law enforcement units to fight the crime
- Seminars and special training for law enforcement and judiciary officers

■ INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Joining all relevant international and regional treaties
- Elaborating and implementing specific projects with international organizations

Incorporation of National and International Experience

■ Data and analysis of worldwide situation on trafficking in persons (IOM, UNODC, UNVEF, United States)

■ Regional initiatives (Bali process, OSCE Alliance, Council of Europe, EU, etc.)

■ Comprehensive national programs (United States, Japan, Belgium, etc.)

The list will be extended in the process of presenting specific experience by the GPAST participants

International Support for GPAST

- Over 20 countries have already expressed interest in participating in GPAST
- Many multilateral agencies (IOM, UNODC, UNICEF, UNCHR, etc.) have backed the idea of the Global Partnership
- Non-governmental organizations (International Federation of Women Lawyers, La Strada, etc.) have shown their readiness in participation and have made suggestions toward GPAST