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“Not for Sale – Joining Forces Against Trafficking in Human Beings”

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Organized by the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, the Austrian Federal Ministry of the Interior, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

17 – 18 February 2014

Hofburg, Vienna, Austria

Draft Programme

The Council of Europe (GRETA monitoring mechanism) has evaluated the anti-trafficking action of almost 30 European countries. The aim of this conference is to take stock of the progress made so far and to discuss the challenges in the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Human Trafficking. It also provides an opportunity to exchange on practices and tools developed on the basis of the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and how legally binding standards, monitoring mechanisms and political strategies can mutually reinforce each other and lead to effective action to counter trafficking in human beings.

Monday 17 February 2014

9:30 – 11:00 **High-Level Opening**

Introducer: **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council,
Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE, 2014 Swiss OSCE Chairmanship

Sebastian Kurz, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Integration, Austria

Johanna Mikl-Leitner, Minister of the Interior, Austria

Simonetta Sommaruga, Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Justice and
Police, Swiss Confederation

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE

Followed by Press Conference at OSCE

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Expert Panel 1: Prevention**

Themes:

Based on the experiences of the first GRETA evaluation round and relevant OSCE action: What approach has worked in the prevention of THB and how can it be enhanced? Special focus should be put on the prevention of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, involving labour inspectorates, trade unions and the business community, addressing recruitment agencies, consumer awareness, best practices in control mechanisms and certifications of supply chains. The role of the internet in recruitment and prevention should also be addressed. The objective is to identify areas of synergies.

Chair: Ambassador **Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger**, Austrian National Coordinator on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Speakers:

Beate Andrees, Head, Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, ILO

Mike Dottridge, Independent Human Rights Expert

Danielle Werthmüller, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to UNOG, Host Country
Division, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Alina Braşoveanu, 1st Vice-President of GRETA

Barry Koch, Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer, Western Union

Edit Bauer, Member of the European Parliament

Elisa Trossero, Programme Manager, ICMPD

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

13:30 – 14:30 *Side Event*
*“Not for Sale – Joining Forces against Trafficking in Human Beings –
No Prevention without Human Rights”*
Room 201, Hofburg

14:30 – 16:00 **Expert Panel 2: Victim Identification and Protection**

Themes:

Based on the experiences of the first GRETA evaluation round and relevant OSCE action: How can victims of trafficking be better identified and protected? What are the particular challenges, especially with regard to vulnerable communities and various forms of exploitation such as forced begging? There will be a specific focus on child victims. The phenomenon of “loverboys” will also be addressed.

Chair: **Helmut Sax**, 2nd Vice-President of GRETA, Team Leader Child Rights/Women's Rights/Anti-Trafficking, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Vienna

Speakers:

Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen, National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children, the Netherlands

Ana Revenco, Director, Center for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of the Interior, Moldova

Olga Pristanskaya, Adviser, Children's Rights Commissioner, Russian Federation

Patricia Le Cocq, Legal Adviser, Anti-Trafficking Unit, Centre for Equal Opportunities and Opposition to Racism, Belgium

Valeriu Nicolae, Regional Advocacy Director, Middle East and Eastern Europe, World Vision

Ignacio Packer, Secretary General of Terre des Hommes International Federation

Fadela Novak-Irons, Policy Officer, UNHCR

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Expert Panel 3: Prosecution**

Themes:

Based on the experiences of the first GRETA evaluation round and relevant OSCE action: How can the prosecution of trafficking cases for different forms of exploitation be improved? What are the experiences in specialized prosecution and judges? How can the protection and the non-punishment of victims be better ensured? How can compensation of victims be improved?

Chair: **Frederic Kurz**, Member of GRETA, Prosecutor, Belgium

Speakers:

Pam Bowen, Senior Policy Advisor, UK Crown Prosecution Service

Jean-François Minet, Attaché, Criminal Policy Service, «THB» Unit, Ministry of Justice, Belgium

Tamara Mirović, Deputy Prosecutor, Serbia

Gerald Tatzgern, Head of Central Service for Combating Human Smuggling/Human Trafficking, Criminal Intelligence Service, Ministry of the Interior, Austria

Evelyn Probst, Head of the Intervention Centre for Trafficked Women, LEFÖ-IBF

Ryszard Piotrowicz, Professor of Law, Aberystwyth University, Member of GRETA

18:30 **Evening Reception**
Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs,
Minoritenplatz 8, 1014 Vienna
Please present your conference badge at the entrance.

Tuesday 18 February 2013

10:00 – 11:30 Expert Panel 4: Partnership / Coordination

Themes

What has been learnt after the first round of GRETA evaluations and the country visit reports of the OSCE Special Representative; discussion of the experience so far of mutual efforts and co-ordination among different IOs on the subject of THB – what has worked and how can we improve; the complementarity of reporting and monitoring mechanisms and their added value; involvement of NGOs; identify areas of focus and areas of synergy/future collaboration.

Co-Chairs: **Nicolas Le Coz** (President of GRETA) and **Maria Grazia Giammarinaro** (OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings)

Speakers:

Anne Gallagher, Independent Scholar and Legal Adviser to the UN

Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

Ilias Chatzis, Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Irina Todorova, Regional Counter-Trafficking Specialist, IOM

Klara Skrivánková, Trafficking Programme Coordinator, Anti-Slavery International

Fernando Garcia-Robles, Coordinator Anti Trafficking in Persons, Organization of American States

11:30 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:00 Closing Session

Introducer: **Nicolas Le Coz**, President of GRETA

Conny Rijken, International Victimology Institute Tilburg, the Netherlands

Janez Lenarčič, Director, ODIHR

Myria Vassiliadou, EU Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinator

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, UN Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children

John B. Sandage, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings