



**Delegation of  
Ukraine to the  
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**Statement by the Delegation of Ukraine  
Working Session 6: Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, with a  
Particular Focus on Trafficking in Children**

As for delivery by Permanent Representative Ihor Prokopchuk  
at the Astana Review Conference, 27 November 2010

Madam Chairperson,

The delegation of Ukraine aligns itself with the Statement made at this session by the Delegation of Hungary on behalf of the European Union.

We welcome Kazakhstan OSCE Chairmanship's attention given to the issue of child trafficking. Women and children are especially vulnerable targets in human trafficking.

According to Article 149 of Ukrainian Criminal Code, in Ukraine all forms of trafficking are prohibited. The Regulation of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of 21 October 2009 approved the Action Plan for 2010 on implementation of the State program «The national Action plan on implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child» for a period up to 2016». This Action plan, in particular, envisages introduction into post-graduate pedagogical education programs, training, advanced courses on prevention of human trafficking.

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine plans to submit the draft Law of Ukraine «On counteraction of trafficking in human beings» for consideration of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. The draft defines legal basis for conducting the complex state policy on fight against trafficking in human beings through comprehensive use of such measures as prevention, facilitation to detect and punish criminals and individuals who gain proceeds from the exploitation of victims of trafficking in human beings, improvement of the system of restoration of victim's rights, compensation of damages and providing assistance.

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine ratified the Council of Europe Convention on action against trafficking in human beings and adopted in first

reading on September 21, 2010 the draft Law “On amendments to certain legislative acts on responsibility of carriers providing international passenger transportation”.

Today Ukraine closely cooperates with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), OSCE, the International Women Rights Centre «La Strada - Ukraine».

We appreciate the work of the OSCE Special Representative and Coordinator for combating trafficking in human beings Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro and offer our strong support to her efforts and activities in implementing this important task.

Thank you, Madam Chairperson.