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***Regular Travelers and Migrant Workers and Victims of Trafficking of Human Beings:  
Sharing Responsibilities in Tackling the Roma Migration and their Economic Inclusion in  
the OSCE and the EU Space***

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**Recommendations to the OSCE Institutions**

- Considering the rich experience, achievements and commitment to the Roma issues, the OSCE current and forthcoming Chairs-in-Office, Spain and Finland, should organize a special OSCE event in 2008 on Roma and Sinti migration. Such a conference could address:
  - the major discrepancy between the salience of Roma and Sinti issues in the OSCE security and human rights –related affairs and the very limited specific actions addressing such Roma issues by the high political level of the OSCE;
  - the complex problems related to a large mass of Romanian economic migrants (Spain) or with asylum seeker and economic migrants influxes from Eastern European Roma (Finland);
  - the dire situation of the Roma, Ashkhali and Egyptian war refugees and IDPs from Kosovo; and the prospects of the readmission of the long term refugees from Serbia/Kosovo in the context of the forthcoming political developments of the region , 2007-2008;
  - the follow ups of the meetings on the “implementation of national and international policies for the Roma and Sinti” such as the ones in Warsaw, October 2005 and in Bucharest, May 2006, organized in the cooperation of the OSCE with the Council of Europe, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, the major relevant NGOs, etc.
- The OSCE ODIHR should commission an in-depth study of the OSCE-wide migration trends of the Roma and Sinti groups, with the aim to grasp the effects on the Roma and Sinti populations of the new political contexts. The enlargement of the European Union and the Stabilization of the Western Balkans are some of the things which deeply affect the countries where the majority of the world’s Roma and Sinti live.
- The OSCE ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues/CPRSI should facilitate debates on Roma and Sinti affairs, in particular on Roma migration –related issues including e-debates; in this regard we propose that the present Statement be posted on the ODIHR CPRSI web-site as an action towards launching the suggested CPRSI e-debates