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*Invitation to the Special Focus Event to the
12th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons Conference on*

“ Access to Justice, making compensation a reality for trafficked persons ”

Thursday 11 October 2012, 10:00-12:00
Vienna, Hofburg, Ratsaal

English/Russian interpretation

Compensation for trafficked people is crucial in the fight against trafficking - not only as an instrument of restorative justice and prevention of re-trafficking, but also as recognition by the states of the violation of their rights and the damages they have suffered. The OSCE acknowledged the importance in the 2003 OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings and recommended, among measures to be taken at the national level, 'legislative provisions for confiscation of the instruments and proceeds of trafficking and related offences' and that the 'confiscated proceeds of trafficking will be used for the benefit of victims of trafficking'.

In the past few years, the issue of compensation has gained awareness and recognition in the international anti-trafficked discourse and legislation. Now it needs implementation in the daily practices of law enforcement, service providers and judiciary.

The COMP.ACT project has analysed the possibilities and obstacles in 10 countries for trafficked persons to actually get compensated for the damages they have suffered. Together with the projects partners, practical tools have been developed for practitioners to facilitate trafficked persons to claim compensation.

Opening remarks (10:00-10:30)

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

Ms Mariana Katarova - Senior Adviser on Anti-Trafficking issues of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)

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

Ms Zoi Sakelliadou - Office of the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Speakers and panel discussion (10:30-12:00)

Ms Marieke van Doorninck - La Strada International

Ms Klara Skrivankova - Anti-Slavery International

Mr Matouš Jíra and Ms Štěpánka Miková - Attorneys at Law, Czech Republic

Mr Colin Walker - ECPAT, United Kingdom



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