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To: All OSCE Delegations
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Subject: Report on the Side Event/Donors' Meeting on Anti-Trafficking
Programme (ATP): Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of
Trafficking in Human Beings

Attached herewith is the Report on the Side Event/Donors' Meeting on Anti-Trafficking
Programme (ATP): Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of Trafficking in Human
Beings held on 3 June 2004 on the occasion of the 12th OSCE Economic Forum.

12th Economic Forum
Rapporteur's Report on the Side Event/Donors' Meeting on
Anti-Trafficking Programme (ATP): Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of
Trafficking in Human Beings

Mirror Hall, Czernin Palace, Prague, Thursday, June 3, 16: 30 – 18:00

Trafficking in Human Beings was a major topic of the Netherlands OSCE Chairmanship 2003 and the 11th OSCE Economic Forum. Following up on the recommendations of that Forum and as implementation of OCEEA's responsibility under the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, OCEEA developed the Anti-Trafficking Programme: Public-Private Co-operation in the Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings (ATP). The side event's aim was to inform delegations of the status of the Programme and raise funds for its implementation.

Moderator Mr. Frank van Beuningen (Netherlands) opened the meeting underlining the importance to take action to address the scourge of trafficking and this abuse of human rights in a multi-faceted way by engaging government, private sector and civil society to work together to increase their effectiveness. He also read out a strong call of support for the ATP from the recently appointed OSCE Special Representative on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Dr. Helga Konrad.

Ms. Helen Santiago Fink of the OCEEA introduced the ATP and outlined its three sub-programmes, including **self-regulation, awareness raising in Western countries and economic empowerment**. Ms. Astrid Winkler of the NGO Respect provided details of activities under sub-programme I (Self regulation of the private sector) which will initially focus on implementing the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism. Mr. Reitingger-Laska, President of the Austrian Association of Tourism underscored the value for the tourism industry to implement this initiative citing social and economic reasons. Insights into the sub-programme II (Awareness raising in the West) were offered by Mr. Ivo Kersten of the OCEEA, introducing the co-operation with Crimestoppers, UNODC and others. Aspects of sub-programme III (economic empowerment) were outlined by Ms. Cordula Wohlmuther of the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine and Ms. Santiago Fink. Specific reference was made to co-operation with other partners, including IOM, the International Business Leaders Forum in Romania and Bulgaria and International Finance Corporation in Ukraine.

The discussion part of the meeting gave rise to numerous interventions from delegations. The Swedish delegation praised the cross dimensionality of the ATP and pledged 50,000 Euros. The Swiss delegation also expressed strong support for the ATP, pledging 40,000 Euros for self-regulation (SP I) and the possibility of further support for economic empowerment (SP III). Belgium pledged 30,000 Euros to the Programme. The German government also pledged support from both their MFA and development agency, GTZ. The United States delegation highlighted the increased priority trafficking has received in the United States and added their serious consideration for funding of the ATP, specifically the economic empowerment sub-programme III. Canada expressed its government strong interest and current funding review of the ATP. It considered to fund up to 60,000 Euro.

Ambassador Tkachenko, Deputy Head of Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina underlined the importance of addressing the root causes of trafficking, supported the ATP and called for a better dissemination of best practices of existing anti-trafficking projects. Ambassador Christopolous from Greece praised the ATP and added his hope to co-operate with the OCEEA to bring the ATP to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Anti-Trafficking event in Rhodes in September. Other delegations and organizations, including Azerbaijan, the Russian Federation, Serbia and Montenegro, OECD, IOM, contributed to the discussions.

In his closing words, moderator Frank van Beuningen added the considerable interest of the Netherlands to fund the ATP. Lastly, the Co-ordinator, Mr. Swiecicki, reinforced the intention of this Office to co-operate with all OSCE bodies in the implementation of the Anti-Trafficking Programme.