



OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2008

Working Sessions 14 and 15: Focus on identification, assistance, and access to justice for the victims of trafficking
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EU Recommendations

- We underline the importance of effective access to justice for victims and effective prosecution of traffickers in an effective approach to counter the phenomenon and call to participating states and the OSCE relevant institutions to enhance the existing cooperation to this end. In particular, we encourage the SR office and the ODIHR to continue promoting the sharing of best practices, including on the basis of what was learnt on prosecution practices in the recent OSCE conference in Helsinki.
- We call on participating states to implement, in close cooperation with the OSCE relevant institutions, the provisions of MC decision 8/07 'combating trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation' and of MC decision 14/06.
- We encourage the special representative to continue in her impetus to the activities of the alliance against trafficking in persons, in close co-operation and co-ordination with the ODIHR and the other OSCE institutions and relevant structures.
- We encourage the SR and ODIHR to continue their valuable efforts to assist participating states in improving research and data analysis collection, in order to have sound knowledge of the complexity and scope of the phenomenon. In particular, we encourage the special representative and the other OSCE structures and institutions to keep draw on the conclusions emerged from the conference 'we can do better' and conference 'child trafficking: responses and challenges at a local level', promoting evidence-based research on trafficking in human beings

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and rigorous evaluation of the impact of anti-trafficking interventions in particular for vulnerable groups.

- We commend the ODIHR activity in assessing national referral mechanisms assessments, and encourage to continue it.
- We encourage field missions to continue their efforts, with a particular focus on identifying, protecting and assisting victims, in close coordination with relevant OSCE institutions and in synergy with EU programmes. Overall, both field missions and all participating states should continue to devote special and increased attention to the groups most vulnerable to human trafficking, including girls and, for example, Roma, as well as populations in conflict and post conflict areas.