

Statement
by the Delegations

of the Principality of Monaco and of the Republic of San Marino

On the Report
by the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in
Human Beings, Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro

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Permanent Council

I will deliver this statement on behalf of the Principality of Monaco and of my own Country, the Republic of San Marino.

Mr. Chairman,

The Principality of Monaco and the Republic of San Marino would like to thank you for inviting the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings to report at today's Permanent Council. We thank Special Representative Giammarinaro for her report and we stand ready to offer all our support and active involvement on this issue.

Our Countries are very interested in the work of the Special Representative and look forward to participate in the forthcoming Alliance against Trafficking in Persons Conference entitled "Unprotected Work, Invisible Exploitation: Trafficking for the Purpose of Domestic Servitude" which will take place on 17 and 18 June 2010 here in Vienna.

Modern slavery – with the aim of sexual or labor exploitation – perpetrated against women, children or men, feeds on vulnerable people. Children are the most affected, especially because their young lives get hopelessly compromised. Participating States must express a strong political commitment, comply with their international obligations, further developing and improving their child protection policies.

Monaco and San Marino believe in the OSCE added value to the fight, not only raising public awareness and spreading knowledge and sharing statistics and good practices, but also tackling this issue cross-dimensionally, concretely and practically, on the field. The OSCE field missions can play a crucial role in building the national capacities to handle this challenge and the instruments to curb and put an end to trafficking.

We are convinced that this issue is of particular importance for the OSCE and closely linked to the maintenance of security in our area.

The transnational organized crime involvement - and the subsequent income this "trade" generates - must be tackled by national institutions and by international and regional organizations - each one from its angle. Our Organization is called to monitor and support each pS in the process of updating their capacities and to increase cooperation with other international actors in order to avoid duplications and achieve best results.