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**CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ANTI-TRAFFICKING FOCAL POINT
MEETING OF THE OSCE MISSIONS TO SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE (SEE)**

BELGRADE, 17-20 JULY 2003

In co-ordination with the ODIHR, the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro organised the third Regional Anti-Trafficking Focal Point meeting for representatives of the OSCE Missions in South Eastern Europe. 15 representatives from the ODIHR, OSCE Missions to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro shared experiences and discussed how to improve co-operation and co-ordination on anti-trafficking work between the OSCE Missions in SEE.

The meeting started out with a presentation of each Mission, the mandates, anti-trafficking priorities and resources allocated. Although the Missions have different mandates and resources, it was agreed to focus the Mission's activities on empowering national institutions and assisting the governmental and non-governmental sector in the host countries in implementing international and regional commitments. This is in accordance with the Vienna and Porto OSCE Ministerial Decisions, where OSCE participating States committed themselves to take primary responsibility to prevent and to combat trafficking. According to their mandates and resources, OSCE Missions will assist participating States in fulfilling their commitments and monitor how these commitments are being implemented.

The Mission representatives outlined existing national structures to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings in their host countries. This was followed by a discussion on the role of the OSCE Missions in supporting the national governmental and non-governmental actors in their host countries. Particular attention was given to the development and implementation of National Referral Mechanism and victim-witness protection. As most Missions have an institution-building mandate, it was agreed to co-ordinate efforts and to share experiences on project development and implementation between the Missions. It was agreed to carry out a survey on the institution of the National co-ordinator and the National Anti-Trafficking Mechanisms.

During the second day, the ODIHR's Anti-Trafficking Unit informed the Mission representatives about the developments regarding the OSCE's Anti-Trafficking Action Plan and the OSCE guidelines on how to deal with individual human trafficking cases.

Following the call at the Annual Heads of Mission Meeting in June 2003, OSCE Mission representatives expressed their willingness to contribute to the development of the OSCE guidelines stressing their concrete experience. Recommendations on if and how to deal with individual cases will depend on the respective resources and mandate. The OSCE Mission representatives proposed that, despite the different mandates and resources, the OSCE Missions should work to develop a common voice, including minimum standards and guidelines on relevant priority areas. Furthermore, all participants agreed that there needs to be enhanced co-ordination and increased information exchange between the Missions to avoid reinventing the wheel and to share experience on project development and implementation.

Recommendations

Following the recommendations of prior OSCE internal co-ordination meetings (Pristina 2001, Sarajevo 2002, Ioannina 2003) the following recommendations were reiterated during the working sessions in Belgrade:

- ODIHR and OSCE Missions should develop a list of available anti-trafficking resources and materials, which have been developed or translated by them. ODIHR should post and maintain this list on its web site.
- ODIHR and OSCE Missions should exchange existing standards for their anti-trafficking work.
- OSCE Missions should consider developing regional anti-trafficking projects in co-ordination with the ODIHR.
- Enhance visibility of OSCE Missions' anti-trafficking work, in particular through joint preparation and statements on anti-trafficking related documents and up-coming anti-trafficking meetings

Follow-up

- The OSCE Mission to SaM (Madis) will take the lead and gather feedback and input from the other Missions on relevant anti-trafficking related documents (SPTF Draft on Statement on Commitments On Victim/Witness Protection and Trafficking in Children; OSCE guidelines on dealing with individual trafficking cases)
- The OSCE Mission to BiH in co-ordination with the ODIHR (Astrid and Gabi) will take the lead in sending out a one-two page format on National Structures and suggest guidelines.
- The OSCE Mission to Moldova (Liliana) will take the lead in drafting the regional project on legal assistance to victims, targeting primarily NGO service providers.
- The OSCE Presence in Albania will host the next OSCE Focal Point meeting in December/January (pls. send your input on the preferred timeframe before the final meeting summary is sent out) ... shouldn't input be sent during the preparation phase for the next meeting? What do you think?
- The OSCE Mission to SaM (1-2 weeks) will circulate the draft meeting summary before sending it to the relevant OSCE bodies and institutions.
- The OSCE Mission to SaM will distribute the material electronically sent by individual Missions before the ATRF meeting. If you have some other documents to share that we do not have pls. send them to all (this could serve as a starting point for the resource material)
- The ODIHR will distribute UNICEF's assessment of awareness raising campaigns, the final guidelines for protection of the rights of children, and other relevant documents
- ALL (1-2 weeks) OSCE Mission's will send Qs regarding data-protection to ODIHR

AGENDA

**MEETING LOCATION: OSCE MISSION TO SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO
BULEVAR MIRA 26, DEDINJE, BELGRADE**

THURSDAY, 17 JULY

Arrival of participants to Belgrade

18:00 Gathering at the OSCE Mission to Serbia and Montenegro, Bulavar Mira 26, Dedinje, Belgrade

19:00 Dinner

FRIDAY, 18 JULY

9:00 - 18:00 HRS

Introduction

- Presentation of each Mission (mandate, structure, resources, roles and responsibilities and anti-trafficking focus/priorities for 2003)

Sharing of practices and lessons learned

- National co-ordinators and national structures to respond to THB
- *Lunch*
- Implementation of victim protection and witness protection mechanisms (NRM-identification, assistance and referral of victims of trafficking)
- Quality standards and guidelines (police raids, confidentiality/data protection, responding to individual cases, guidelines for treatment of victims of trafficking for police, social service providers, the judiciary and media)
- Project implementation related to other fields (exchange of conference/seminar/workshops ideas, working with contracted foreign experts)
- *Dinner*

SATURDAY, 19 JULY

10:00- 16:00 HRS

Co-operation and Co-ordination Efforts

- Exploring future collaboration on joint projects
- *Lunch*
- Presentation by Gabriele Reiter, ODIHR on the developments of the Draft OSCE Action Plan, Draft Guidelines for OSCE Mission Members, SEE Rights Report and website
- Discussion on modalities for future co-ordination and co-operation on input and feedback to OSCE documents and Institutions (ODIHR, Stability Pact Task Force, OSCE Informal Working Group, the Gender Adviser and CPC) *See attached final reports from Ioannina February 2003, Sarajevo June 2002, Pristina 2001, Vienna 2000*
- Conclusions, including agreements and recommendations.