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Recommendations from the European Union

- We encourage the Special Representative to continue in giving impetus to the activities of the Alliance against Trafficking in Persons, in close co-operation and co-ordination with the ODIHR and other OSCE institutions and relevant structures.
- Acknowledging the significant contribution of the OSCE in raising the visibility of trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation and welcoming the ODIHR discussion paper on standards and new developments, distributed last August, we encourage OSCE structures and Institutions to continue engaging with participating States in order to promote the implementation of relevant OSCE commitments and to share best practices on preventive, protective and prosecutorial measures related to labour trafficking.
- Given the importance of having sound knowledge of the complexity and scope of the phenomenon, we encourage the Special Representative and the other OSCE structures and Institutions to follow up the recent Conference “Assistance to Trafficked Persons: We Can Do Better”, by promoting evidence-based research on trafficking in human beings and rigorous evaluation of the impact of anti-trafficking interventions.
- Being aware that an effective prosecution of traffickers is crucial both to prevent the crime and to assist and protect the victims, we call on participating States to enhance international judicial co-operation and develop bilateral cooperation in this

field. We also call on OSCE structures and Institutions to enhance their efforts to give visibility to shortcomings in judicial co-operation in the OSCE region.

- We once again invite OSCE field missions to intensify their efforts against trafficking in human beings, in close co-ordination with the OSCE Institutions and with relevant local NGOs and taking advantage of any synergy with programmes developed by other international actors on the ground.