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The Delegation of the Holy See recommends the following actions on the part of the OSCE and the ODIHR:

- 1) To commit more focused energy and effort to addressing the root causes of trafficking in persons, including poverty, underdevelopment, corruption, the breakdown of the family, and addiction.
- 2) To recognize in concrete terms that trafficking in persons is fuelled not simply by economics, but by a certain misconception of the human person which views people as objects to be used and commodities to be bought and sold, rather than persons to be valued and respected by virtue of their very existence.
- 3) To examine seriously and concretely the undeniable linkage between the “sex industry” and trafficking in persons, including all forms of pornography; and to be willing to challenge even the legal provisions that allow for the persistent objectification of men, women and children in this regard. No serious strategy at combating the scourge of human trafficking can neglect this linkage. The OSCE and the ODIHR must be committed to such an honest assessment.