



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

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Ethical Issues in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking

Vienna, Hofburg, 4-5 November 2014

The efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings often entail complex ethical dilemmas. Government authorities, international organizations, civil society, the media and the private sector increasingly need to apply ethical approaches to the concrete work undertaken to prevent and combat human trafficking.

The 14th OSCE Alliance against Trafficking in Persons conference aims at addressing some of these dilemmas and enhancing the coherence of the international and national responses in this field. Moreover, it strives to further promote the implementation of OSCE commitments to combat human trafficking in all its forms.

The event will provide an excellent forum for gathering expertise, exchanging good practices and enhancing dialogue between national authorities, Alliance partners, and other stakeholders in the OSCE region.

Tuesday 4 November (Neuer Saal, 2nd floor)

09:00 – 09:45 Registration

09:45 – 10:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Chair: **Madina Jarbussynova**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Thomas Greminger, Ambassador, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council
Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General, OSCE

Aleksandar Nikolić, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Republic of Serbia

Prince Zeid Ben Ra'ad Al Hussein, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
(video address)

Vladimir Garkun, Deputy Chairman of the CIS Executive Committee

Beatriz Balbin Chamorro, First Deputy Director, ODIHR

10:45 – 11:45 **Keynote Addresses**

Chair: **Ruth Freedom Pojman**, Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

William Lacy Swing, Director General, IOM

Gerard Stoudmann, Ambassador, Switzerland, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Western Balkans

Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

¹ This Annotated Agenda is designed to guide participants through the conference's discussions, pointing them to important issues for each of the sessions. The questions are not comprehensive and participants should feel free to add to them, or to challenge their presumptions.

11:45 – 15:00 *Lunch Break (Hofburg Cafeteria, 2nd floor)*

12.15 – 13.30 **Side Event** (*Bibliotheksaal, 5th floor*)
Measures that Businesses, Civil Society and Governments can take to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation (co-organized with the Council of Europe)

13.45 – 14.45 **Side Event** (*Room 201, 2nd floor*)
Launch of the Handbook on “How to prevent trafficking for the purpose of domestic servitude in diplomatic households and protect private domestic workers” (co-organized with the Swiss Chairmanship of the OSCE)

15.00 – 17.30 **Panel 1: Ethical sourcing to prevent forced labour and trafficking in human beings in the private sector**

This panel highlights the measures, such as codes of conducts to protect workers' rights in supply chains, that OSCE participating States, businesses, international organizations, civil society, and other actors can adopt and enforce to make sure that the private sector does not contribute to exploitative situations where goods and services are produced in conditions of human trafficking. It is equally important to make use of tools that are already in place, such as the Ethical Trading Initiative Base Code, international legal obligations contained in ILO conventions and protocols, and the “UN Guiding Principles for Business and Human Rights”. Participants will learn about a business perspective on how to combat human trafficking and to prevent forced labour including through the Global Business Coalition Against Trafficking, about how a Russian trade union is protecting the rights of seafarers, and about how farm workers designed an innovative human rights protection programme harnessing consumer power to sustain it. The main challenge in this context is defining follow-up strategies to these existing instruments. In particular, what is the best way for governments to develop, enact, implement and enforce legal obligations and ethical measures to prevent human trafficking and forced labour in the private sector, including through government procurement regulations? Further important questions include: how does one go beyond corporate responsibility to corporate accountability? How can businesses ensure that their service and product providers treat their employees with respect and dignity; that is to say, pay fair wages, offer a safe and decent work environment? And what role can workers and consumers play in the development and implementation of these measures?

Moderator: **Beate Andrees**, Head, Special Action Programme to Combat Forced Labour, ILO

John Morrison, Executive Director, Institute for Human Rights and Businesses (IHRB)

Cindy Berman, Head of Knowledge & Learning, Ethical Trading Initiative

Igor Kovalchuk, Seafarers Trade Union, Russian Federation

Samir Goswami, Director, Government Professional Solutions at Lexis Nexis

Noelle Damico, Senior Fellow, National Social and Economic Rights Initiative

Discussion

17:30 – 19:00 **Reception** hosted by the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (*Hofburg Cafeteria, 2nd floor*)

Wednesday 5 November (Ratsaal, 5th floor)

09.30 – 11.00 **Panel 2: Codes of conduct and zero tolerance policies in conflict and crisis situations**

The second panel will promote a joint reflection on the steps taken to prevent human trafficking in conflict and crisis situations. Participants will have the opportunity to review codes of conduct and zero tolerance policies adopted by participating States and international organizations over the past decade to prevent their potential contribution and negative impact in the trafficking cycle. As reflected in MC Decision 16/05 on “*Ensuring the highest standards of conduct and accountability of persons serving on international forces and missions*”, the crucial issue is how to implement these regulations on the ground and guarantee accountability for violations by persons serving in international peace support efforts. Panellists will strive to shed light on how the current tools and initiatives can enhance the struggle against human trafficking, how the positive role of international mission members may be further strengthened, and how the general discussion can be applied to the specific OSCE context. Some of the questions to explore include: what else could the international community do to prevent human trafficking in conflict and crisis situations? How to enhance the implementation of the adopted zero tolerance policies? How to ensure that private security providers abide to the same principles and rules? How does the training of military and civilian personnel operating in conflict and crisis areas address the issue of human trafficking? How to improve the criminal accountability of those involved in human trafficking cases?

Moderator: **Rüdiger Lüdeking**, Ambassador, Head of the German Permanent Mission to the OSCE

Pierpaolo Sinconi, International Affairs Office Chief, International Law & IHL Chair, Studies and Research Department, CoESPU

Sylvain Roy, Senior Policy Advisor, Conduct and Discipline Unit, Department of Field Support, United Nations

Sonia Munoz, Senior Advisor, Ethics/Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, UNHCR

Alan Bryden, Assistant Director, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Panel 3: Ethical treatment of trafficked persons**

According to a human rights-based approach the primary responsibility for effectively protecting victims of a crime rests with national governments. However, it is the responsibility of every actor involved in the identification, prosecution and assistance of trafficked persons to treat each person - woman, man or child – in a manner that avoids further harm or re-traumatization. The panellists will discuss the ethical treatment and protection of trafficked persons and will address the following key questions: why ethical principles are critical to the assistance of trafficked persons? How to ensure that ethical standards for victim assistance are applied to daily service provision? What is the relationship between the ethical and legal requirements during legal proceedings? What are the general guidelines for the ethical and safe conduct of interviews with women or children who have been trafficked? How should the privacy and the data of trafficked persons be protected? What are the ethical safeguards to ensure a safe return and reintegration of victims of trafficking? Finally, the panel will contribute to assess what legal and ethical steps should be taken to assure sustainable assistance and long-term protection of trafficked persons, and their access to justice and compensation. In addition, the debate will explore ways to increase prosecutions of human trafficking, while ensuring that victims are treated in a manner that respects their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Moderator: **Maria Katharina Moser**, Theologian and Ethicist, formerly with the Austrian Public Broadcast ORF

Tamara Vukasović, Coordinator, Co-Chair, ASTRA

David Mancini, Public Prosecutor at Anti-mafia Prosecutor's Office in l'Aquila

Bärbel Uhl, Project Coordinator, datACT, Data Protection in Anti-trafficking Action, KOK

Nodira Karimova, Director, NGO Istiqbolli Avlod

13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch Break (Hofburg Cafeteria, 2nd floor)*

13.45 – 14.45

Side Event (Room 201, 2nd floor):

Making Effective Use of Anti-Money Laundering Regimes and Financial Investigations to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings

15:00 – 16:30 **Panel 4: Medical ethics and trafficking in human beings for the purpose of organ removal**

One of the key findings of the OSR/CTHB's 2013 research paper on trafficking for organ removal was that further attention should be devoted to the role of medical professionals in addressing this crime. Likewise, the Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings of December 2013 called upon OSCE participating States to forge new partnerships with healthcare professionals so as to better prevent trafficking for organ removal. This panel will focus on the ethical considerations in combating this lesser known form of trafficking, including whether there are any ambiguities in the ethical and legal framework which need to be addressed. Other important questions include: why has there in some cases been reluctance to target or report medical professionals who are engaged in, or facilitate, trafficking for organ removal? What steps can be taken by medical professionals and other stakeholders to proactively identify potential victims? What ethical and legal steps should be taken to assess the consent of an organ donor? In general, how can we raise awareness and accountability among the medical profession regarding potential trafficking for organ removal? Lastly, how can we raise the rates of voluntary and altruistic organ donation and thus prevent the demand for trafficking for organ removal in the first place? Experts from the medical profession, transplant organizations and NGOs will also shed light on how trafficking for organ removal could be better prevented through inter-agency co-operation.

Moderator: **Ilias Chatzis**, Chief, Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC

Milbert Shin, Independent Expert

Debra Budiani-Saberi, Director and Founder, Coalition for Organ-Failure Solutions (COFS)

Christina Papachristou, Clinical Psychologist, University Hospital of Charité, Berlin, and Program Specialist at COFS

Igor Codreanu, Director, Transplant Agency Moldova and Director, Renal Foundation Moldova

16:30 – 17:00 **Concluding Remarks** by Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings