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The Holy See recommends that:

- 1) Participating States and OSCE institutions develop more effective information and awareness campaigns on the problem of trafficking in human persons.
- 2) Participating States and OSCE institutions address more concretely the “demand side” trafficking in human persons, including by developing and implementing programs and policies that highlight the dignity of the human person, which seek to put an end to the objectification of, particularly, women and children, and which will squarely challenge the prevailing sex industry that perpetuates this modern form of slavery..
- 3) Participating States enhance their commitment to fighting the scourge of trafficking in human persons, including by building coalitions with civil and religious organizations dedicated to this same cause, thereby strengthening the outreach to victims of trafficking with support, assistance, and rehabilitation.
- 4) Participating States enhance law enforcement efforts to identify and prosecute the exploiters and traffickers of persons, particularly in destination countries, where more accountability is needed in this regard.
- 5) Participating States and OSCE institutions address the cultural and economic factors contributing to human trafficking, which include legalized prostitution, pornography, corruption, poverty, unemployment, and underdevelopment; and take pro-active measures to put traffickers and exploiters out of business, and restore societies wherein human dignity and respect for all persons is not only recognized but upheld through the rule of law and manifested in cultural realities.