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STRENGTHENING COOPERATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MIGRANT
SMUGGLING: LEGISLATION, INSTITUTIONS, AND PROPOSALS

Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 2008

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- **First Day: May 2, 2008**
 - 9:15 am to 9:30 am: Welcoming Remarks**
President Jeremy Travis, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
Prof. George J. Andreopoulos, Center for International Human Rights.
Ms. Vasiliki Christodoulou, Head of Delegation, Police Officer, KE.ME.A.
 - 9:45 am to 11:30 am: Nature of the Crimes/National and Regional Trends**
Ali Osman Elmastas, "Vulnerable Women as Modern Day Slaves: Kosovo Case."
Maria Orfanoudaki, "Greece: Current Situation regarding Human Trafficking, the Aim Being Sexual Exploitation."
Veronika Borislavova Trifonova, "Human Trafficking in Bulgaria: Organised Crime Activity - Analysis of the Crimes."
Peter Mameli, Commentator.
 - 11:30 am to 1:15 pm: Ensuring an Adequate Legal Framework**
Aurela Bozo, "The Right of Victims to Demand Compensation against Alleged Smugglers and Traffickers."
Oguzhan Omer Demir, "Human Trafficking in Turkey."
Vasiliki Christodoulou and Georgios A. Vanikiotis, "Human Trafficking and Organized Crime: The Greek Situation."
Selma Džihanovic, Commentator.

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm: Lunch

2:30 pm to 4:15 pm: Strengthening Cross-border Cooperation

George Adrian Petrescu, “Joint Investigation Team: The Romanian Experience in International Police and Judicial Cooperation.”

Dragoslav Rubez, “Law Enforcement in the Region of Balkan West and International Cooperation: Fighting Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling.”

Olga Rangelova, “Cooperation in the Area of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings at the National and International Level.”

George Andreopoulos, Commentator.

4:30: Reception at the President’s Office, John Jay College

- **Second Day: May 3, 2008**

9:00 am to 10:45 am: Protection and Support for Trafficked Persons

Eva Roussou, “Joining Forces: Integrating Safety, Human Rights and Mental Health Issues in Shelter Function and in Anti-Trafficking Police Officers Training.”

Argita Totozani, Strategies and Policies of Prevention of Human Trafficking and Illegal Migration in Albania: Reintegration Projects.”

Bogdan Budeanu, “Exploitation of the Labor Force: The 2007 Case of Romanian Citizens in the Czech Republic.”

Amela Efendic, Commentator.

11:00 am to 12:45 pm: Strategies/Policies of Prevention

Alina Albu, “Pro-active and Reactive Investigation in THB cases.”

Dimitar Markov, “Analysis of the Factors that Generate Demand for Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Practices.”

Louis Ulrich, “Trafficking in Persons: Romanian Realities and Adequate Preventive Responses.”

Süleyman Aydin, Commentator.

1:00-2:00 pm: Luncheon and Keynote Address

Keynote speaker, *Mr. Martin Fowke*, UNODC Crime Prevention Officer and co-author of the UNODC Global Patterns Report on Human Trafficking, “Global Trends in Human Trafficking and the Challenges for Crime Prevention.”

2:15-3:00 pm: Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

LIST OF TOPICS

1. **Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling: Nature of the Crimes/National and Regional Trends**

An examination of the nature and extent of human trafficking and migrant smuggling activities, as well as their consequences in light of the experiences of law enforcement and non-governmental organization representatives from the Balkan countries involved in this workshop. While human trafficking and migrant smuggling are distinct crimes, they do represent overlapping crime problems. Some of the key differences include the issue of consent, exploitation and the transnational nature of the crime (always in the case of migrant smuggling). How extensive is the problem of human trafficking? Of migrant smuggling? How do law enforcement officials and victim service providers determine which is which?

2. **Ensuring an Adequate Legal Framework**

This section will examine the role of the relevant international and regional rules and standards in addressing the challenges posed by human trafficking and migrant smuggling. In particular, and in light of the framework that includes, among others, the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, the Migrants Protocol, and the Brussels Declaration on Preventing and Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, the participants will critically discuss the following focal issues: (1) the adoption or amendment of national legislation in accordance with international standards; (2) the legislative provision for administrative, civil and criminal liability of legal persons for smuggling and trafficking-related offenses (the main targets would include hotel and escort services, marriage bureaus and employment agencies); (3) the inclusion of the protection of trafficked persons into anti-trafficking legislation; (4) the legislative protection for trafficked persons who cooperate with law enforcement authorities; and (5) the right of victims to pursue civil claims against alleged smugglers and traffickers.

3. **Strengthening Cross-border Cooperation**

Assessment of the prospects for effective regional cooperation. There are already some interesting initiatives, like the regional action plan entitled Operation Mirage launched by the SECI Center. Initially, Operation Mirage underlined the coordinated work of the police in “implementing raids and controls in public places in all the participating countries.” More recently, within the frame of the Task Force on Combating Trafficking of Human Beings and Illegal Migration (“Task Force Mirage”), the SECI Center organized two major regional meetings.

Some of the key issues to be addressed include: (1) the adoption of bilateral agreements aimed at preventing trafficking; (2) the provision of technical and financial assistance to governmental and non-governmental entities for the purpose of developing and implementing human rights-based anti-trafficking and anti-smuggling strategies; (3) the adoption of labor migration agreements in accordance with internationally recognized standards; (4) the development of procedures and protocols for the conduct of proactive joint investigations by law enforcement authorities of different states; and (5) the cooperation among non-governmental organizations and other civil society entities in countries of origin, transit and destination.

4. **Protection and Support for Trafficked Persons**

A discussion of issues that relate to the collaboration between law enforcement agencies and non-governmental organizations in ensuring: (1) the provision of safe and adequate shelter; (2) access to primary health care and counseling; (3) the provision of legal and other assistance in relation to any action against traffickers and associated persons; (4) special attention to the needs of child victims of trafficking; (5) the safe and voluntary return of trafficked persons and exploration of other options (residency in the country of destination, or resettlement to a third country); and (6) the well-being and social integration of repatriated persons.

5. Strategies/Policies of Prevention

This section will address some key focal issues relating to prevention. These include: (1) analysis of the factors that generate demand for human trafficking and migrant smuggling practices; (2) development of programs that increase the range of sustainable livelihood options (education, skills training, e.t.c.); (3) provision of adequate and reliable information on the risks involved in migration; (4) increase in opportunities for legal, non-exploitative labor migration; and (5) enhancing the capacity of law enforcement to act in a preventive manner.

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9. Ms. Vasiliki Christodoulou, Head of Delegation, Police Officer, KE.ME.A, Greece.
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