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Meeting of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms

co-organised by the Council of Europe and OSCE

Online (Zoom)

3-4 November 2020

Introduction

In line with its mandate to provide assistance to participating States to combat trafficking in human beings, MC.DEC/3/06 (2006), the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (SR/CTHB) is tasked to “co-operate with national co-ordinators, national rapporteurs or other national mechanisms established by participating States for co-ordinating and monitoring the anti-trafficking activities” and “assume responsibility within the OSCE for hosting and facilitating meetings for the exchange of information and experience between national co-ordinators”, or equivalent relevant actors.

To operationalize this exchange, the OSR/CTHB organizes meetings of National Anti-Trafficking Co-ordinators and Rapporteurs from the OSCE region. These meetings serve as expert platforms to identify joint actions in addressing the current human trafficking-related challenges in the OSCE region and promote the implementation of relevant OSCE commitments and recommendations, including the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings (PC.DEC/557), its 2005 and 2013 Addendums (PC.DEC/685 and PC.DEC/1107/Corr.1 respectively) and Ministerial Council Decisions on Strengthening Efforts to Prevent Trafficking in Human Beings (MC.DEC/6/17), Strengthening Efforts to Combat All Forms of Child Trafficking, Including for Sexual Exploitation, as well as Other Forms of Sexual Exploitation of Children (MC.DEC/7/17) and Strengthening Efforts to Prevent and Combat Child Trafficking, Including of Unaccompanied Minors (MC.DEC/6/18).

The Council of Europe (CoE) Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, which is currently in force in 46 of the 47 Council of Europe member States as well as Belarus, requires States Parties to ensure co-ordination of the policies and actions of government departments and other public agencies against trafficking in human beings, where appropriate, through the setting up of co-ordinating bodies. Further, pursuant to Article 29(4) of the Convention, each Party “shall consider appointing national rapporteurs or other mechanisms for monitoring the anti-trafficking activities of State institutions and the implementation of national legislation requirements”. The Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) monitors the way in which States Parties meet their obligations under the Convention, identifies good practices and makes recommendations for further action.

The meeting is co-organized by the OSCE and the CoE in line with the co-operation modalities outlined in PC.DEC/637 (2004) and PC.DEC/670 (2005) and in continuation of the well-established practice of organising joint activities in the area of combating human trafficking.

Working languages of the meeting: English, Russian.

DAY 1:

13:00 - 13:30	<i>Registration</i>
13:30 - 13:50	Welcoming and opening addresses
13:50 - 15:00	Session 1 – Towards better understanding of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic on anti-trafficking responses Discussion
15:00 - 16:00	Session 2 – Need for enhanced anti-trafficking actions in light of the pandemic: positive practices in prevention of human trafficking, protection of the victims and prosecution of traffickers in the new context Discussion
16:00	End of Day 1

DAY 2:

13:30 - 13:50	Session 3 – Trafficking in human beings: findings of the Commission Third Progress report and way forward for EU anti-trafficking action
13:50 - 14:50	Session 4 – Access of victims of trafficking to international protection Discussion
14:50 - 15:40	Session 5 – Update on new resources Discussion
15:40 - 16:00	Conclusions of the meeting and closing remarks