

Vienna, 29 July 2016

**Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings
for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains
7-8 September 2016, Berlin**

Dear Excellency,

This letter is to follow up on the invitation letter of 21 June 2016 regarding the Conference “***Prevention of trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains***”, which will take place on 7-8 September 2016 in Berlin, co-organized by the Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings and the German OSCE Chairmanship.

It is my pleasure to send to your Delegation the updated annotated agenda of the Conference. I would highly appreciate if you could share the annotated agenda with your capital and other interested parties in your country.

Also, please be advised that the registration deadline for the Conference has been extended to 15 August 2016. I would like to express my gratitude to government representatives who have already submitted their registration forms.

The OSCE OSR/CTHB is at your disposal for any questions regarding the Conference (Mr Radu Cucos, Assistant Officer, radu.cucos@osce.org and Ms Assel Lampalzer-Ibrayeva, Administrative Assistant, assel.lampalzer-ibrayeva@osce.org).

I thank you in advance for your interest and support and look forward to seeing your country's representatives in Berlin.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova

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

**To: Delegations of the OSCE participating States
Partners for Co-operation**

Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains

Berlin, 7-8 September 2016

Europasaal, Auswärtiges Amt, Berlin, Germany

Unterwasserstr. 10, 10117 Berlin

DRAFT Annotated Agenda

Trafficking in human beings (THB) is a human rights violation and a lucrative crime. In its 2012 *Global Estimate of Forced Labour*, the International Labour Organization (ILO) suggested that 20.9 million people were in forced labour situations worldwide and the majority of them, or an estimated 68%, were in a situation of labour exploitation. Furthermore, the 2014 ILO report, *Profits and Poverty: The Economics of Forced Labour*, noted that forced labour in the private economy generates US\$ 150 billion in illegal profits per year, about three times more than previously estimated. However, few victims are identified and even fewer perpetrators convicted, in particular in cases of trafficking for labour exploitation. In today's globalized economy, characterized by complex supply chains, with both materials and labour sourced from all around the world, it is difficult for buyers and consumers, including governments, to be sure that the goods or services they purchase or procure were not produced by trafficked labour. Therefore, addressing this issue of **trafficking in human beings in supply chains** is an area of urgent concern.

International standards have recognized the duty of both businesses and governments to undertake due diligence and to protect against human rights abuses. Some governments have now taken measures to promote compliance with international anti-trafficking standards and enact laws and policies to ensure the ethical sourcing of goods and services. Yet, the best efforts by business will only allow for due diligence within their own value chains by themselves. This is where top-down governmental action is needed to enact good governance to protect human rights. Governments have a clear role to play in delivering and enforcing legislation that not only protects workers at risk of forced labour and trafficking, but also safeguards actions of responsible businesses who require a level-playing field in order to compete fairly within the law. Furthermore, it is important that governments leverage their own large purchasing power for more transparency, to make an impact for the greater good and to ensure that taxes are not supporting trafficking in human beings. Embracing their "role in the globalization process", as outlined in the *Leaders' Declaration* of the G7 Summit of June 2015 in Elmau, Germany, governments can lead by example, setting clear criteria for compliance with human rights standards, as well as international and national good governance provisions.

To address these challenges, the OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR/CTHB) is implementing the extra-budgetary project "Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures". The overall project objective is to provide OSCE participating States with practical tools to enact concrete measures to prevent human trafficking in supply chains, as well as build their capacity to implement these measures, thus protecting human rights through good governance. By doing so, the project will also contribute to the promotion of labour and social standards in supply chains, the overall fight against corruption and the introduction of sound financial management and economic governance practices. The project will tap the momentum that has developed on eradicating THB for labour exploitation and forced labour along globalized supply chains, and will promote the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

As the main project output, the OSR/CTHB will develop **Model Guidelines** for governments on safeguarding ethical sourcing in public procurement practices. The guidelines will include concrete examples drawn from large governmental contracts and a collection of good practices of governmental (and other) measures on preventing trafficking in supply chains from within and beyond the OSCE region.

One of the planned project activities is the high-level conference in Berlin on 7-8 September 2016 on *Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains*. This event is organized by the OSR/CTHB in close co-operation with the German OSCE Chairmanship in Office, which considers combating trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation, fostering economic connectivity and the promotion of labour and social standards in supply chains as important topics. This high-level event is part of the OSCE and Germany's ongoing effort to raise awareness about the problem of labour exploitation in supply chains and to advocate for increased actions at government and private sector levels across the OSCE to adopt measures to prevent and combat this form of modern slavery.

As one of the first high-level events of its kind in the OSCE area, which also builds upon the solid foundation of OSCE commitments and recommended actions, earlier research, and previous events on this topic¹, the *Berlin Conference* will discuss trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains, including existing good practices and policy measures in the OSCE area, as well as outstanding gaps. The *Berlin Conference* is the opening event in a series of conferences and workshops to be organized in the framework of the project.

The working languages of the conference will be English and Russian.

The Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings would like to thank the OSCE participating States that have already contributed to the Extra-budgetary project: Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

Wednesday, 7 September 2016

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee and registration

10:00 – 10:45 Opening Remarks

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

Speakers: **Dr. h.c. Gernot Erler**, Special Representative of the Federal Government of Germany for the OSCE Chairmanship
Yasmin Fahimi, State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany
High-level Representative of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (BMZ) (TBC)
Sergey Lebedev, Executive Secretary of the Commonwealth of Independent States (TBC)
Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy (DG II), Council of Europe
Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

¹ For reference, see the OSCE publication "Ending Exploitation". Previous events include the 14th Alliance conference and the expert meeting in Milan in September 2015.

The opening remarks will address incidence and magnitude of trafficking for labour exploitation in supply chains, evidence, and latest trends, and will outline the most relevant international legislative and policy frameworks. The speakers will emphasize the cross-dimensional nature of the issue, including also aspects of sound public financial management and the need for more transparency and accountability in government procurement processes, and will highlight the need for a comprehensive good governance approach.

10:45 – 11:15

Keynote Address:

Gilbert Hounghbo, ILO Deputy Director General (TBC)

Sharan Burrow, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (TBC)

Representative Chris Smith, Special Representative on Human Trafficking Issues, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (TBC)

Rob Lederer, Executive Director, Electronic Industry Citizenship Coalition, USA

11:15 – 13:00

Panel 1: the leading role of governments in combating THB for labour exploitation in supply chains

This panel will explore the role of governments in prevention of THB for labour exploitation through public procurement measures. The speakers will share information on existing good practices and measures, as well as lessons learned and challenges they have faced in achieving transparency and accountability in the process of recruitment of workers and sourcing of good and services. OSCE's project will be introduced, its rationale and objectives. The draft model guidelines will be presented.

Moderator: **Ruth Freedom Pojman**, Senior Adviser, OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings

Rapporteur: **Andrea Fromm**, Research Officer, Working Conditions and Industrial Relations, Eurofound (TBC)

Speakers: **Susan Coppedge**, Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and Senior Advisor to the U.S. Secretary of State
Eric Biel, Associate Deputy Undersecretary, U.S. Department of Labor
Offer Stern-Weiner, Head of Modern Slavery Unit, UK Home Office
Paul Broadbent, Chief Executive, UK Gangmasters Licensing Authority
Per-Anders Sunesson, Ambassador at Large for Combating Trafficking in Persons, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
Jan Austad, Coordinator for Trafficking in Human Beings' Issues and National Rapporteur, Norway (TBC)
Liv Lunde, Assistant Director, Department of Competition Policy, Ministry of Trade and Fisheries of Norway (TBC)

Discussion

13:00 – 15:00

Networking lunch

Side event on Research and Technology in the field of Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation in Supply Chains

The side event will feature the participation of academics and NGO representatives, working at the intersection of research and technology and supporting the development of evidence-based policies to combat trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains. Speakers will present path-breaking tools and discuss the findings of recent research.

Venue: **Willy-Brandt-Saal**, Auswärtiges Amt

Moderator: **Naile Tanis**, Executive Director, KOK (TBC)

Rapporteur: **Genevieve LeBaron**, Senior Lecturer, the University of Sheffield (TBC)

Speakers: **David Abramowitz**, Vice President for Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United (TBC)
Albert Kraler, Programme Manager, International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)
Shawn MacDonald, Director of Programs and Research, Verité (TBC)
Shaun McCarthy, Director of Action Sustainability and Chairman of the Supply Chain Sustainability School (TBC)
Claire Methven O'Brien, Special Adviser, Human Rights and Development, the Danish Institute for Human Rights

Panel 2: the industry's responsibility: action by the private sector

Business representatives and other experts will share their responses to the challenges of human trafficking in multi-tier supply chains, the lessons learned and the outstanding gaps. While the responses may vary across industries and sourcing approaches, businesses will discuss their commitment to safeguarding human rights by ensuring transparency and good governance and cooperating with governmental and non-governmental actors.

Moderator: **Ambassador Claude Wild**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Phil Bloomer**, Executive Director, Business and Human Rights Resource Centre

Speakers: **Renate Hornung-Draus**, Regional Vice-President (Europe), International Organisation of Employers
Boris Titov, Presidential Commissioner for Entrepreneurs' Rights, Russian Federation (TBC)
Marcela Manubens, Global Vice President Integrated Social Sustainability, Unilever
Theresa Loar, Senior Vice President, Global Corporate Affairs, CH2M (TBC)
Frank Henke, Global Director Social and Environmental Affairs, Adidas (TBC)
Greg Priest, Head of Sustainability Policy, IKEA Group

Discussion

Wrap-up of Day 1

Reception hosted by the German OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office

Thursday, 8 September 2016

9:15 – 11:00

Panel 3: making a difference through innovation and collaboration

This panel will draw the attention of the audience to the many different models for collaboration in the prevention, early identification and protection of trafficked and exploited workers. The discussion will include examples of effective approaches to introducing sustainable changes in the policy-making, driven by workers and consumers, as well as showcase initiatives for cross-sectoral multidisciplinary cooperation.

Moderator: **John Morrison**, Chief Executive, Institute for Human Rights and Business

Rapporteur: **Suzanne Hoff**, International Coordinator, La Strada International

Speakers: **Peter McAllister**, Executive Director, Ethical Trading Initiative, UK
Helmut Fischer, Head of Sustainability Standards, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany
Laura Germino, Antislavery Campaign Coordinator for the Coalition of Immokalee Workers/Fair Food Program, USA
Anders Lisborg, Senior Advisor, Center against Human Trafficking, National Board of Social Services, Denmark
Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Mercia Silva, Executive Coordinator, the National Pact Institute for the Eradication of Forced Labor (InPacto), Brazil

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30

The way forward

Moderator: **Caroline Nicholas**, Senior Legal Officer, UNCITRAL (TBC)

Speakers: The Rapporteurs from each session will make recommendations based on discussions from previous panels. Final interventions will be collected from countries/organizations/individuals on the next steps for a strategy for adoption and implementation of the model guidelines, on collaboration and networking, and an overview of upcoming events.

12:30 – 13:00

Concluding remarks

Sabine Baun, Director, International Employment and Social Policy, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Germany (TBC)
Ambassador Madina Jarbussynova, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee of the OSCE (TBC)

The concluding remarks will include recommendations to the OSCE, Chairmanship-in-Office and the OSCE participating States to consider in terms of strengthening of commitments and cooperation.

13:00

Departure

REGISTRATION FORM

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7-8 September 2016

Europasaal Conference Area, Federal Foreign Office
Unterwasserstr. 10, 10117 Berlin

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