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Conclusions and Summary from Questionnaires

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International Instruments and Political Commitments

- The Hague Ministerial Declaration, 1997;
- Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation, 2002;
- Council of the European Union, 2003;
- OSCE Action Plan, the OSCE Maastricht Ministerial Council Decision, 2003;
- Brussels Ministerial Decision, 2006;
- Report of the EU Expert Group, 2005;

- EU Plan on Best Practices, Standards and Procedures for Combating and Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings, 2005;
- Council of European Convention, 2005;
- Conclusions from the OSCE 6th Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons Conference “National Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism to Address THB: the Role of National Rapporteurs”, 2007;
- Commission Working Document “Evaluation and monitoring of the implementation of the EU Plan on best practices, standards and procedures for combating and preventing trafficking in human beings”, 2008;

Main Findings of the Questionnaire: Summary

- 1. In total 21 from 27 EU Member States replied to the questionnaire. All respondents recognised the need to establish some kind of monitoring mechanism to tackle this phenomenon of trafficking of human beings on the national level;**
- 2. The majority of the respondents have already appointed an institution, body or a concrete person to fulfil tasks of National Rapporteur or Equivalent Mechanism;**

3. In most of the 21 EU Member States, which submitted the replies for the questionnaire, a body which, to the certain extent carry out an assessment of progress made in the implementation of the anti-trafficking policies and national action plans already exists;
4. The largest number of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms was established in a period between years 2003 and 2007 and the newest established was the Finish National Rapporteur (Operational, January 2009);
5. A number of respondents stressed the need of necessary independency of the National Rapporteur or Equivalent Mechanism as one of the basic features within their role;

6. Respondents indicate that the constitution of National Rapporteur or Equivalent Mechanism within the national anti-trafficking structures varies.

They may be part of:

- Ministry of Justice
- Ministry of Interior
- various National Commissions
- Tasks or other coordinative bodies
- ombudsman
- accredited independent agency

7. National Rapporteur or Equivalent Mechanism Reporting

- Most respondents report to the Government/Council of Ministers or Parliament.
- However, a number of respondents also gave different examples of reporting in terms of timeframe, use of shadow reports produced by NGOs, etc.
- Most of the EU Member States expressed that the national reports are being prepared on the information provided from various sources.

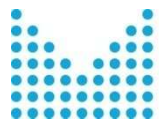
- Most EU Member States are either already submitting annual national reports on THB or are beginning to do so;
- Some of the reports could be considered as the annual evaluation of policy papers like the NAP or programs;
- It is not possible to conclude on the basis of provided responses, if the reports covers all aspects as recommended e.g. by OSCE);
- The period of regular reporting varies from 6 month to up to 4 years.

8. Identified Fields of Cooperation by EU MS

- regular meetings in order to support the information and best practice exchange and to promote joint activities, especially in the field of prevention, protection and assistance provided to victims of trafficking;
- to establish some consistency, in terms of agreement on the minimum set of data/items to be covered, in the approach taken to the preparation of national (annual) reports; promote and support regular exchange of these reports.

Outcomes/Proposals from the Czech EU Presidency

1. Website www.national-rapporteurs.eu.
2. Present the results of the conference and further discussion on the network at the Multidisciplinary Group (MDG).



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Thank you for your attention.