Reporting Mechanism on and Coordination of the fight against trafficking in human beings
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The Belgian experience

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1. Introduction

Service for Criminal policy

2. Reports

a. Governmental report

1995 Law of 13 April 1995 concerning the fight against trafficking in human beings and child pornography

2005 Law of 10 August 2005 amending a number of provisions in order to strengthen the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings and against rack-renting

Article 12 - obligation of the government to submit an biennial report to the parliament concerning the application of above-mentioned law and the fight against the trafficking in human beings in general.

Elaboration of **the report** by the Service for Criminal policy

b. Evaluation of the directive concerning the investigation and prosecution of trafficking in human beings 1999/2004/2007

Goal = development of a uniform and coordinated policy concerning the investigation and prosecution regarding trafficking in human beings

- a coordination structure
- regulation of the organisation of the investigations
- list of indicators – identifying cases of trafficking in human beings

Elaboration of **an evaluation report** every year by the Service for Criminal policy
Feedback to the magistrates charged with the prosecution of trafficking in human beings

c. Reports by the Centre for Information and Analysis of data concerning trafficking and smuggling in human beings

Goal = to collect, to centralize and to exchange (general) information and to make strategic analyses – national focal point?

However for a series of reasons, the Centre is not operational yet.

3. National coordination of the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings

1999 – establishment of an Interdepartmental Coordination Unit for the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings

2004 – Royal Decree of 16 May 2004 concerning the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings

Interdepartmental Coordination Unit for the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings

- chairmanship = Minister of Justice or his representative
- co-ordination task
- members = all the federal (operational as well as political) actors actively involved in the fight against the aforementioned phenomena
- meetings two or three times a year

Bureau

- chairmanship by the Service for Criminal policy

- prepares or carries out its decisions, recommendations and initiatives

  National Action Plan – approved on the 11th of July 2008

- members = major departments involved in the fight against trafficking and smuggling in human beings

- meetings every month

4. General conclusions

- Important to make a good distinction between the role of “National Coordinator” and the role of “National Rapporteur or equivalent mechanism”
- Important to make a good distinction between the role of “National Rapporteur” and a “national focal point”
- European minimal standards – National Rapporteur

Thank you for your attention!

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