

Forum: The United Nations Human Rights Council

Question of: Fighting against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking as a Violation of Human Rights

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1 *The United Nations Human Rights Council,*

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3 *Deeply disturbed by* the large percentage of the population trapped in modern slavery,

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5 *Recognizing* the role poverty plays in the increase of human trafficking,

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7 *Taking into account* the disparity between men and women being trafficked,

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9 *Desiring to* provide both protection and support for those who have been human trafficked,

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11 *Alarmed by* recent numbers of migration, frequently caused by an insufficient protection of
12 workers and citizens' fear of being exposed to modern slavery,

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14 *Fully aware of* the complexity of trafficking rings,

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16 *Alarmed by* the lack of implementation of anti-trafficking laws and regulations,

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18 **1. Calls for** a focus on ending poverty related trafficking by:

19 a. increasing job security and opportunities for those in lower classes by:

20 i. increasing education in high poverty areas,

21 ii. utilizing the Equality through Education program instituted in this paper

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23 b. decreasing stigma around low income through education campaigns (see clause
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26 **2. Recommends** the establishment of a Human Rights Office (HRO) to every member
27 state with the HRO being allowed to:

28 a. promote observance and public awareness of fundamental human rights,

29 b. assist in shaping legislation to comply with international human rights norms,

30 c. resolve cases of alleged abuse and reporting them to a higher power after being
31 proven as accurate,

32 d. make unannounced visits of prisons and workplaces to ensure the laws and
33 regulations are followed,

- 34 e. controls funding of all programs;
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- 36 3. **Proposes** the creation of the Equality through Education program which:
- 37 a. implements awareness about human trafficking into school curriculums and
- 38 cultural centers, that teaches children aged 10 to 18 how to avoid human
- 39 trafficking and methods of obtaining help if trafficked,
- 40 b. increases trade and vocational schools in areas under the poverty line (\$2.15 a
- 41 day),
- 42 c. adds lessons into school curriculum combating social and cultural stigma around
- 43 lower income,
- 44 d. focuses on increasing education and literacy of girls;
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- 46 4. **Strongly urges** increased protection against human trafficking by:
- 47 a. consequently enforcing laws with full judicative power,
- 48 b. providing monetary support for law enforcement in high-trafficking areas,
- 49 c. creating task forces to target human trafficking,
- 50 d. implementing international law preventing:
- 51 i. forced marriage,
- 52 ii. forced labor,
- 53 iii. child labor,
- 54 iv. discrimination based on socio-economic status;
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- 56 5. **Calls upon** states to take specific measures to assure the protection of marginalized
- 57 groups such as indigenous people, ethnic minorities, women and children because of
- 58 their heightened vulnerability to human trafficking and modern slavery by:
- 59 a. conducting targeted outreach and awareness campaigns to ensure marginalized
- 60 groups are informed about their rights and the risks of trafficking,
- 61 b. installing officials or departments especially designed to protect and support
- 62 members of the marginalized groups,
- 63 c. empowering and involving marginalized communities in the design and
- 64 implementation of anti-trafficking policies and programs, ensuring their voices
- 65 and perspectives are included;
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- 67 6. **Encourages** the construction of “One Stop Centers” to allow victim-centered
- 68 approaches, enabling them for rehabilitation and reintegration, which provide
- 69 a. monetary support for those exiting human trafficking,
- 70 b. resources to escape human trafficking,
- 71 c. therapy for those leaving human trafficking including:
- 72 i. physical therapy,
- 73 ii. mental and emotional therapy through trained professional therapists that
- 74 undergo annual background checks,
- 75 d. aid in locating new jobs,
- 76 e. shelter and basic necessities,
- 77 f. strengthened cooperation with countries of origin and transit to ensure a safe
- 78 return and reintegration of victims;

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7. **Seeks** funding from:
 - a. the World Bank,
 - b. NGOs including but not limited to:
 - i. International Justice Mission,
 - ii. Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking,
 - iii. Focus on Labor Exploitation,
 - c. UN Fifth Committee,
 - d. a \$500,000,000,000 loan with a 2% interest rate with payment beginning in 2025 and elapsing over 15 years;

8. **Suggests** that member nations enact policies to protect individuals working in informal industries such as construction and farm work in accordance with the recommendations made by the UNHRC Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery including:
 - a. requiring that employers provide compensation to informal workers who receive work-related injuries,
 - b. providing affordable healthcare to informal workers,
 - c. other policies designed to increase job security and improve the working conditions of informal workers;

9. **Emphasizes** the disproportionate effect of human trafficking on women and girls and further calls on member nations to increase the amount of resources devoted by member nations towards combating:
 - a. sex trafficking,
 - b. child marriage,
 - c. other forms of exploitation that disproportionately affect women and girls;

10. **Calls upon** member nations to cooperate in order to prevent international human trafficking by developing international migration pathways that are:
 - a. safe,
 - b. legal,
 - c. accessible,
 - d. well regulated;

11. **Urges** the countries that benefit from modern slavery in developing countries to
 - a. provide financial assistance by enlarging the United Nations voluntary trust fund on contemporary forms of slavery,
 - b. provide financial assistance by establishing a compulsory trust fund dedicated to modern slavery which focuses on the financial assistance to break dependencies on modern slavery in the economy,
 - c. provide technical assistance to support developing Countries with the transition to an economy free from slavery;

12. **Recommends** member states to raise awareness about slavery by promoting 2 December, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, with events such as:

- 124 a. ceremonies to memorialize all the people who have suffered or still suffer from
125 slavery,
126 b. charity events to raise more funding to combat slavery and human trafficking
127 like, but not limited to:
128 i. auctions,
129 ii. charity concerts,
130 iii. fundraising,
131 iv. donations;

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133 **13. Implores** member nations to disincentive the practice of slavery by

- 134 a. expanding the prosecution of human trafficking and other related crimes,
135 b. strengthening punishments for those convicted of human trafficking and other
136 related crimes by:
137 i. lengthening prison sentences,
138 ii. instituting heavy fines,
139 iii. confiscating property purchased or otherwise acquired with money
140 derived wholly or in part from human trafficking operations,
141 c. improving the security of countries by assisting in border control to stop human
142 trafficking routes;

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144 **14. Asks** member nations to devote increased resources towards the process of accepting
145 and denying work visas and other related documents to:

- 146 a. decrease the amount of illegal migrants,
147 b. improve the working conditions of migrant workers,
148 c. stimulate economic growth by increasing the amount of legitimate high skilled
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151 **15. Decides** to remain actively seized on the matter.

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154 **Voting Results**

155 In favour: 37

156 Against: 4

157 Abstentions: 1