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3rd National Networking Meeting

Towards Global EU Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

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Excellencies, dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our distinct pleasure to invite you to the "3rd National Networking Meeting" that will take place on 5 March 2010 in Madrid, Spain. The Meeting is being organized in the framework of the project "Towards Global EU-Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings", implemented by the Swedish Ministry of Justice in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration in Vienna, and with financial support from the European Commission (Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security), 2008 Programme "Prevention of and Fight Against Crime".

The cooperating partners in this project are the Austrian Federal Ministries of the Interior, of European and International Affairs, and of Justice, the Bureau of the Dutch Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, the Italian Ministry of the Interior, the Finnish Ministry of the Interior, the Portuguese Ministry of the Interior, and the Belgian NGO Payoke.

The objective of the 3rd National Networking Meeting is to contribute to the implementation to the Action Oriented Paper (AOP) on strengthening the EU external dimension on action against trafficking in human beings which was endorsed by the Council on the 1st December 2009 and the 2009 October Declaration on trafficking in human beings.

The aim of Action Oriented Paper is to strengthen the commitment and coordinated action of the EU and the Member States to prevent and fight trafficking in human beings for the purposes of all forms of exploitation in partnership with third countries, regions and organisations at international level. It is based on the recognition that in order to effectively address trafficking in human beings, an integrated, holistic and multidisciplinary approach is needed, having as its basis the respect for human rights and the rule of law, including a gender and child rights perspective.

We would very much welcome your participation during the 3rd National Networking Meeting, and we are looking forward to engaging in fruitful discussions during this event. Please find enclosed the draft agenda as well as the practical information regarding the meeting. The finalized agenda will be communicated in due time.

Kindly register by using the attached registration form to be sent to Ms. Euridice Márquez, Counter-Trafficking Coordinator at IOM Vienna (e-mail: counter-trafficking-vienna@iom.int; Fax: +43 (0)1 585 33 22 30) no later than February 19, 2010.

We are looking forward to welcoming you soon in Madrid.


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