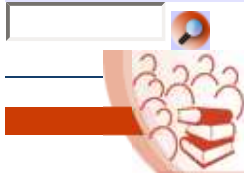




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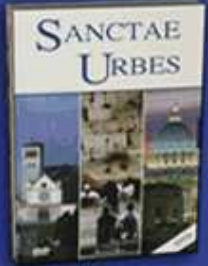
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(15 Feb 08-RV) A Forum on Human Trafficking in Vienna sponsored by the United Nations Global Initiative to fight human trafficking concludes today. In his address to conference participants, Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, secretary of the Pontifical Council for Migrants and Itinerant Peoples, said that the human trafficking is the "most shameful phenomena of our era." and underscored that women and children are its' most vulnerable victims. We spoke with Troel Vester, spokesperson for the United Nations Office on drug and crime. He said the role of faith based groups, including the Church is essential in any effort to combat the problem of human trafficking. 

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