



## **Background Paper**

Committee: UN Women

Topic A: Protecting women from human trafficking and sexual slavery

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Human Trafficking is the illegal possession of human beings with the purpose of forced labour, sexual slavery or commercial sexual exploitation. In the last few decades, human trafficking has been increasing worldwide, and thereby breaking the universally accepted human rights of countless souls. It is considered modern slavery, and there are more slaves today than there have been at any time in history. Young women are the sector of the population most affected by human trafficking of all forms of exploitation, since 86% of the victims are females between 13 to 21 years of age. Human trafficking puts the victim in a situation where they are dependent on the trafficker(s), since it is the only way they can gain money (working in sexual slavery) and most of the time, victims are transported to other countries where they end more vulnerable and alone.

There are three general steps used in human trafficking that must be stopped: acquisition, transportation, and exploitation, all Human Trafficking victims pass through these factors. The evolution of human trafficking has brought significant negative consequences to society. One of the principal avenues of exploitation is indeed sexual slavery. Sexual slavery has increased by such a magnitude that there are now enormous illegal markets such as ISIS slave markets in Iraq where the most common victims there are young women between 13 to 15 years old. It is one of the fastest-growing transnational criminal activities of the 21st century, which generates an estimated \$150 billion dollars a year. United Nations Women expects all nations to act against the sizable human trafficking industry rising on the vulnerable members of societies (countries with a higher rate of human trafficking for example countries in the Middle East). Nations must put a stop to all such actions against human rights in the human trafficking and sexual slavery industry. The UN made a protocol which is the strongest weapon against human sex trafficking; this protocol defines certain elements of sex trafficking such as; 'action' that describes the recruitment and transportation of victims and the 'means' which includes work exploitation of any kind.

Since the world contains many vulnerable people, it is easy to be a victim of human trafficking in every regions, even in very religious states. In many developing countries, the amount of prostitution is high enough to attain more than a hundred billion dollars. This financial windfall is fostering the belief that trafficking can be a way to gain the money that poor families need to survive, poor families become the assistant to the traffickers and get involved in the crime. Since the quality of life in many of these countries is low, poor people are vulnerable to any scheme that can make money quickly. These poverty-stricken populations can be desperate, unprotected or uneducated, and susceptible

to become victims of human trafficking. Human trafficking has been part of the world economy throughout history. This may be the cause for the apparent lack of urgency regarding this criminal behavior. On the other hand, technology has helped with the distribution of important information to aid in eliminating human trafficking.

One of the regions most affected by human trafficking is the Middle East. In Yemen, Syria, Iran, Iraq, and Algeria, at least 10,000 people are at risk of being trafficked. Many populations in Middle Eastern countries are vulnerable because of civil wars and humanitarian crises. In Asia, countries like Russia, North Korea, and India are the most affected by slavery in factories and forced labor. Furthermore, migration is a significantly big factor in human trafficking, since people on the move in search of work are the significantly vulnerable. The UN has been worried about this issue for the last few years. The main issue is that the United Nations lacks clear policies to approach the illegal trafficking market. The committee is expecting all nations to create and participate by developing solutions to eliminate human trafficking and sexual slavery.

The extensive business of human trafficking has been built up into a global industry, which makes the situation more dangerous. The countries with the largest amount of trafficking worldwide are Pakistan, Thailand, India, China, and the United States. Here are some examples of underdeveloped countries, and the details about how human trafficking exists there:

In places such as Iran, Russia, North Korea, and more developed countries citizens are vulnerable to be easy victims for traffickers. Since in some regions of Iran, the government established a law on passports confiscation, leaving people helpless in foreign countries making them easy preys for traffickers, same as other regions in Korea where the government created a law where it established that labor is part of political repression and very important for the economic system; which means that government actions have forced thousands of citizens to escape the country, making them vulnerable to human trafficking. The conditions these first world countries make people work in, are horrible, and 5 million immigrants in Russian regions are obligated to work long journeys in bad conditions making these workers powerless to trafficking even though Russia is a powerful and developed country.

The UN has established various anti-trafficking global record actions and has made new laws to stop it. The global report provides new information based on data from 155 countries. The report offers the first law to tackle the root of this issue in a way to stop it. The UN General Assembly has passed several solutions to eliminate human trafficking that is still occurring.

Feminists are fighting human trafficking. The actions of feminist women are to harmonize the dominant and liberal way of seeing sex trafficking and human trafficking for any type of exploration. These feminists considered sex trafficking and human trafficking as a big violation of both genders and awful exploitation. Feminists also focused on sexualized domination which can be used for pornography, rape, female sexual slavery, and sexual harassment. Liberal feminists see everyone as able to choose between right and wrong, and they believe that women that choose to have sex work can be established as autonomous women since they decide to work in this field. Feminists also believe that human trafficking victims can suffer different types of oppression and violations,

meaning that at the moment, to make a solution, it needs to be flexible, strong, and complete since each case of human trafficking could be different.

Human trafficking and sexual slavery are massive problems all over the world that affects both genders and all countries. The reason this topic is important is that this is a worldwide issue and considered modern slavery; it abuses the victim, sexually exploits underage women, and brings a bigger difference between both genders making gender equality impossible to gain. The causes of human trafficking are complex: including economic, social, and political factors; meaning that to stop Human Trafficking, all nations should take in consideration a solution from each three factors in this way to create a good and complex solution for this massive issue. It is important to create a solution that would advance with time been persistent, this way it will help at long-term and safe future generations.

*“The world howls for social justice and gender equality, but when it comes to social responsibility, you sometimes can’t even hear the crickets chirruping.”*

- Odd Thomas

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