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Summary

In response to the *Vienna Ministerial Decision on Enhancing the OSCE's Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings* and other OSCE documents such as the *Anti-Trafficking Guidelines*, the ODIHR, in co-operation with the OSCE Mission in Kosovo, organised a seminar for anti-trafficking focal points from OSCE field missions in the Balkans. The aims of the seminar were to raise awareness and to evaluate implementation of OSCE commitments in this field, as well as to exchange examples of good practice and materials from on-going projects in the field.

During the first day of the training, which focused on internal OSCE issues, the group was joined by a representative of the OSCE Secretary General and there was a very lively discussion on transforming words into action, with a critical eye on the actual implications of breaking the revised Code of Conduct. Participants recommended that seconding States acknowledge their responsibility to educate those they send into the field and to investigate allegations raised against their secondees.

Further discussion focused on ways to improve co-operation between OSCE bodies and OSCE field missions. The Chair of the Stability Pact Task Force on Trafficking also discussed future proposals for closer collaboration with OSCE field missions including monitoring of projects and joint political approaches to host governments.

On the second day of the seminar, participants presented their anti- trafficking projects and analysed their co-operation with other international organisations, non-governmental organisations and host governments. Strategies were exchanged for improving communication and avoiding duplication of efforts. Attention was given to national pilot projects that may serve as models for initiatives in other OSCE countries.

Recommendations from the seminar were incorporated into the Bucharest Ministerial Decision, as well as into the discussion and recommendations of the Berlin Conference "Europe Against Trafficking in Persons." Most notably these recommendations include:

Code of Conduct

Participating States

- Seconding states must raise awareness about trafficking and include a reference to the relevant Code of Conduct in contracts of employment for field personnel; this should also extend to short term secondees such as election observers.
- Furthermore, seconding states must investigate and prosecute allegations of trafficking, as defined in the UN Protocol, which involve their citizens. Special attention should be given to personnel with law enforcement responsibilities within an international operation, such as peacekeepers and police officers.

Specialised Training

- It is necessary to develop and carry out more anti-trafficking training for OSCE personnel.

Day One: Internal OSCE Issues

- 9.30-10.30 Introduction – desired aims
- Introductions
 - Brainstorming list of expectations
 - Overview of priority areas that need to be discussed
- 10.30-11.00 ODIHR’s Anti-Trafficking Strategy
- 11.00-11.30 What is Trafficking?
- Case study exercise
 - Definition – UN Convention and Protocols
- 11.30-11.45 Break
- 11.45-12.45 Implementation of recent OSCE anti-trafficking documents
- Vienna Ministerial Decision
 - Code of Conduct
- 12.45-14.15 Lunch
- 14.15-15.15 Implementation of recent OSCE anti-trafficking documents (cont.)
- Anti-Trafficking Guidelines
 - PC Decision 426
- 15.15-16.00 Information Sharing and Reporting
- What information do we have --- UNICEF/ODIHR inventory, IOM reports, OSCE field mission reports, etc
 - How do we use information to support our activities/aims
 - Proposal for quarterly standardized reporting from the field plus spot reports or reporting to ODIHR’s Monitoring Section
 - Development of Recommended Reporting Form
- 16.00-16.15 Break
- 16.15-17.00 Specialized Training
- Role of OSCE SG
 - What training materials or programs exist
 - Who is the audience
 - Resource Library
- 17.00-18.00 Co-operation with the Stability Pact Task Force on Trafficking in Human Beings – Minister Konrad

Day Two: Anti-Trafficking Activities and Co-operation with Governments, NGOs and other IOs

- 9.00-9.30 Brief Overview of ODIHR Anti-Trafficking Project Fund
- 9.30-10.00 Brief Overview of Stability Pact Task Force’s *Proposed Anti-Trafficking Action Plan*
- Role of OSCE missions to monitor and assess project implementation
- 10.00-11.00 Co-operation with Government Authorities – Challenges and Positive Steps Forward
- Exchange of experience
 - Discussion of questionnaires from SEE governments
- 11.00-11.15 Break
- 11.15-12.30 Discussion and further elaboration of the draft *National Plan of Action*
- 12.30-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-15.00 Co-operation with International Organisations
- Exchange of experience
- 15.00-16.00 Co-operation with NGOs
- Exchange of experience
- 16.00-18.00 Focus on Anti-Trafficking Projects
- Kosovo Police Training Project --- guest speaker
 - Kosovo Legal Aid Project --- guest speaker
 - Albania Police Training
 - Albania WRATE Project
 - Moldova Legislative Reform Project
 - Applied Research Project with IOM
 - Reference Guide for Legislative Review

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Relevant persons from the Conflict Prevention Centre and the Department of Human Resources were not able to attend.

HAND-OUT MATERIALS

International documents

- UN Anti-Trafficking Protocol
- CoE Recommendation R(2000)11

OSCE documents

- Vienna Ministerial Decision
- Code of Conduct
- OSCE Anti-Trafficking Guidelines
- Elaborated guidelines presented at Balkan HoMs meeting
- PC Decision 426
- ODIHR anti-trafficking project fund materials
- Overview of ODIHR anti-trafficking projects
- List of OSCE contacts in the field

Stability Pact Task Force documents

- Contact lists
- Guidelines for National Plans of Action and Background paper
- Draft “Instrument to the Stability Pact Palermo Declaration”
- “Proposal for monitoring the ATAP Projects”
- Overview of 2001 projects and committed funds
- Palermo declaration

Materials from the field

- Review of Albanian Legislation on Trafficking in Human Beings
- Kosovo: Legal Aid for Victims of Trafficking Report
- Kosovo police training: Lesson #GP 31: Trafficking in Persons

GAATW books

- Human Rights and Trafficking in Persons: A Handbook
- Human Rights in Practice: A Guide to Assist Trafficked Women and Children

