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Annotations

1. Organizational matters

(a) Opening of the meeting

The seventh session of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons will be opened on Wednesday, 6 September 2017, at 10 a.m.

(b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

In its resolution 7/1, entitled “Strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto”, the Conference of the Parties decided, inter alia, that the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons would be a constant element of the Conference of the Parties, forwarding its reports and recommendations to the Conference, and encouraged the Working Group to consider meeting on an annual basis, as needed, and to hold its meetings consecutively with other working groups of the Conference, in order to ensure the effective use of resources.

At its meeting on 7 April 2017, the extended Bureau of the Conference of the Parties agreed on the provisional agenda and substantive topics for the seventh meeting of the Working Group, to be held in Vienna from 6 to 8 September 2017.



The proposed organization of work (see annex) was prepared in accordance with Conference resolution 7/1, in order to enable the Working Group to perform its mandated functions within the time and according to the conference services available to it. The resources available to the Working Group will permit the holding of five plenary meetings over two and a half days, with interpretation into the six official languages of the United Nations.

2. Effective criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons centred on addressing the protection and assistance needs of different groups and types of victims, with particular reference to victims of trafficking within mixed migration movements

At its fourth session, the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons recommended to the Conference¹ that a number of topics be considered for future sessions of the Working Group, including the role of actors such as military, peacekeeping and humanitarian personnel in relation to trafficking in persons.

During deliberations at the eighth session of the Conference, speakers cited the need for more research into and analysis of the increased vulnerability of migrants and refugees to trafficking in persons.

For its consideration of agenda item 2, the Working Group will have before it a background paper by the Secretariat on effective criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons centered on addressing the protection and assistance needs of different groups and types of victim, with particular reference to victims of trafficking within mixed migration movements.

Documentation

Background paper prepared by the Secretariat on the effective criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons centred on addressing the protection and assistance needs of different groups and types of victims, with particular reference to victims of trafficking within mixed migration movements (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2017/2)

3. Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol

In its resolution 8/2, the Conference decided to continue the process of establishing the mechanism for the review of the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto based on the recommendations contained in the report on the open-ended intergovernmental meeting to explore all options regarding an appropriate and effective review mechanism for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, held in Vienna on 6 and 7 June 2016 (CTOC/COP/WG.8/2016/2). In the same resolution, the Conference also decided to elaborate specific procedures and rules for the functioning of the review mechanism, for consideration and adoption by the Conference at its ninth session, which was to be guided by the principles and characteristics set out in Conference resolution 5/5.

Also in its resolution 8/2, the Conference decided that the review mechanism should progressively address all the articles of the Convention and the Protocols thereto for each of the instruments that States parties are parties to, grouped in thematic clusters in accordance with the content of their provisions, and that, in order to review each thematic cluster of articles, the relevant working group should define, in the next two years, with the assistance of the Secretariat, a short, precise and focused self-assessment questionnaire.

¹ CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/8, para. 50.

For its consideration of agenda item 3, the Working Group will have before it a draft questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol. It is envisaged that the questionnaire will be endorsed by the Working Group for submission to and final adoption by the Conference at its ninth session.

Documentation

Draft questionnaire prepared by the Secretariat for the review of the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, in accordance with Conference resolution 8/2 (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2017/3)

4. Other matters

As no issues to be raised under agenda item 4 have come to the attention of the Secretariat, no documentation regarding the item is currently foreseen.

5. Adoption of the report

The Working Group is expected to adopt a report on its meeting, the draft of which will be prepared by the Secretariat.

Annex

Proposed organization of work

<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Title or description</i>
Wednesday, 6 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1 (a)	Opening of the meeting
	1 (b)	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	2	Effective criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons centred on addressing the protection and assistance needs of different groups and types of victims, with particular reference to victims of trafficking within mixed migration movements
3-6 p.m.	2	Effective criminal justice responses to trafficking in persons centred on addressing the protection and assistance needs of different groups and types of victims, with particular reference to victims of trafficking within mixed migration movements (<i>continued</i>)
Thursday, 7 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3	Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol
3-6 p.m.	3	Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol (<i>continued</i>)
Friday, 8 September		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	4	Other matters
	5	Adoption of the report