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## Working Group on Trafficking in Persons

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### Draft Report

#### Addendum

### III. Summary of deliberations (*continued*)

1. At its 3rd meeting, on 3 July 2018, the Working Group considered agenda item 3, entitled “Preparation of the questionnaire to review the implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol”.
2. The Chair invited States to deliver general statements on the draft questionnaire. As there were none, the Chair proceeded to resume discussions where the previous Working Group meeting concluded, namely at question 45. The Chair outlined that items that apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Convention could be either assessed as part of the current questionnaire or under the general UNTOC questionnaire. In light of this, the Working Group recommended not to include questions 45 to 54 in the trafficking in persons questionnaire but rather to include them in the questionnaire relating to UNTOC. As such, these questions were excluded from the Working Group’s consideration during this session.
3. The Working Group then embarked on a second reading of those questions in the questionnaire that remained open following the previous Working Group meeting’s deliberations. This second reading began with question 1 and concluded at question 11, due to time constraints. In these discussions, while many speakers reiterated previous comments, others proposed new or alternative language. Throughout the discussions, many speakers stressed the need to ensure consistency with the language of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, as well as the language contained in questionnaires being prepared by other working groups. While the Working Group came to an agreement on a number of questions, on others no consensus could be reached.
4. The issue of questions regarding mandatory versus non-mandatory requirements was touched upon by a number of speakers. Several speakers supported clustering mandatory provisions into one section of the questionnaire and moving other optional, but equally important, questions to another section, or an annex. The Chair suggested identifying non-mandatory questions and requesting the Conference of the Parties to decide on how to utilise the distinction, consistently with other working groups. One State noted that irrespective of whether a question is deemed to address a mandatory requirement or not, all questions should be answered. Several speakers also outlined that a set of questions regarding non-obligatory requirements could assist States to provide additional details regarding the nuances of national implementation, which cannot be reflected in responding to closed questions.



5. At the conclusion of discussions, the Chair noted that, while progress had been made, a full review could not be completed within the timeframe available. She noted an additional opportunity would be available in the future to resume discussions.

6. In concluding the deliberations on agenda item 3, the Chair requested the Secretariat to prepare a new version of the draft questionnaire on the basis of the comments made during the deliberations and that had been recorded in the text, and to circulate that version as a non-paper. The Chair also requested the Secretariat to make available on the website of the Working Group the text as projected on-screen, for information and reference purposes.

## **IV. Organization of the meeting**

### **B. Statements (*continued*)**

7. Under agenda items 2 and 3, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol: Argentina, India, Italy, Namibia, Russian Federation, Singapore, Sudan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

8. The observer for Iran (Islamic Republic of) also made a statement.

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