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Addendum

II. Recommendations (*continued*)

A. General recommendations

Recommendation 51

The Working Group should address the following topics as priorities in its next meetings: (a) effective strategies to support victims and/or witnesses in the criminal justice system; (b) guidance on the issue of non-punishment for victims who have been compelled to commit offences as a result of their being trafficked; (c) common challenges associated with the investigation and/or prosecution of trafficking offences; (d) best practices in the establishment and operation of joint investigation teams and specialized prosecution units; (e) successful strategies in addressing the use of technology to, one, facilitate trafficking in persons, and, two, to prevent and investigate trafficking in persons; (f) how the media can support the development, implementation and assessment of anti-trafficking responses; (g) measures to strengthen procurement policies at national, regional and international levels; and (h) involving the private sector and civil society in anti-trafficking responses.

III. Summary of deliberations (*continued*)

1. Under agenda item 4, the Chair referred delegations to the index of recommendations adopted by the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons at its first eight meetings, as well as the compilation of these recommendations. One speaker thanked the Secretariat for these documents, noting their immediate value to delegations.

2. In reflecting on the Working Group's discussions under agenda items 1–3, the Chair highlighted that the importance of collaboration has been a constant theme throughout the deliberations and that working together remains foundational for any successful response to trafficking in persons. The Chair noted that such collaboration can take many forms including within different groups of the same organizations (such as financial crime investigators working closely with specialized human trafficking investigators); through specialized teams of police and prosecutors; between ministries or agencies as is frequently seen in national anti-trafficking committees; between different governments; and between governments and civil society or the private sector.



3. The Chair welcomed the great deal of consensus among delegations as to key promising practices and areas of work that should be pursued by the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons to effectively respond to trafficking in persons.
 4. The Working Group discussed possibilities for thematic work in its future meetings, and formulated a related recommendation to capture these.
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