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Addendum

II. Recommendations (*continued*)

B. Recommendations on measures to strengthen procurement policies at the national, regional and international levels.

1. The Working Group recommended that the Conference of the Parties consider the following recommendations for adoption:

Recommendation 1

States parties should work with public bodies and multilateral institutions to prevent and address trafficking in persons in government procurement processes, including by:

(a) setting out all steps public bodies might take throughout the commercial life-cycle;

(b) requiring the publication of transparency statements and audit reports concerning exploitation in supply chains, and remedial actions taken in response;

(c) ensuring that contract clauses in tender processes prohibit activities associated with trafficking in persons, such as confiscation of immigration documents, non-compliance with local labour laws and use of misleading or fraudulent recruitment practices.

Recommendation 2

States parties should consider enacting measures which require commercial entities to establish and report on due diligence measures to prevent trafficking in persons from occurring in their procurement practices and supply chains, and otherwise create incentives for the private sector to eliminate trafficking in persons in their supply chains.

Recommendation 3

States parties are encouraged to cooperate with trade unions to establish and monitor prevention plans to mitigate the risks of trafficking in persons in public as well as private sector procurement actions.



Recommendation 4

States parties should develop relevant tools and provide gender-inclusive and age-sensitive training to relevant stakeholders, including labour inspectors and law enforcement authorities, to build their capacity to respond to specific risks associated with trafficking in persons in supply chains and strengthen compliance with existing national regulation.

Recommendation 5

States parties should consider establishing or strengthening mechanisms to enforce consumer protection laws, increase related compliance measures, and publish information regarding sanctions against entities for trafficking-related violations associated with their procurement actions.

Recommendation 6

States parties should seek to address trafficking in persons in global supply chains through the development of common public procurement standards and compliance requirements, as well as harmonization of existing legislative and policy frameworks, including frameworks guiding counter-trafficking in persons and sustainable procurement.

Recommendation 7

States Parties should use existing international policy tools, such as the ICAT procurement issue brief on the role of procurement in preventing trafficking in persons, to inform the development of their respective policies, strategies and legislation to strengthen procurement practices

IV. Organization of the meeting (*continued*)

B. Statements

2. Under agenda item 2, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol: Morocco
3. Under agenda item 3, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, El Salvador, European Union, Guatemala, Malaysia, Mexico, Norway, Nigeria, Senegal, and the United Kingdom.
4. The Working Group also heard statements by the observer for the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control (HEUNI).
5. Under agenda item 4, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol: Canada, Colombia, Germany, Honduras, Israel, Mexico, Russian Federation, and the United States.
6. The observer for the Islamic Republic of Iran also made a statement.

D. Attendance

7. The following parties to the Trafficking in Persons Protocol were represented at the meeting, including those connected remotely due to the specific format of the meeting in light of the COVID-19 pandemic: Ghana, United Arab Emirates.