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Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

The Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific

Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (COP UNTOC)

9th Session

15th – 19th October 2018, Vienna

Report



Opening Remarks

The Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific (OFAP), has the privilege to attend the 9th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (COP UNTOC). Mr. Nuno Maria Roque Jorge, the OFAP President, attended the Conference in Vienna, Austria on 15th – 19th October 2018.



Mr. Nuno Jorge (OFAP President)



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Global Challenges Require A Global Response

According to Bloomberg:

Hong Kong tops the list in 2018

In Iran: in city of Mashhad and mostly religious cities the number of men who coming on pilgrimage to the city and looking for sex worker under the cover of temporary marriage

In Afghanistan: child slavery and debt bondage practices, child victims are usually treated as slaves and resalable

In Iraq: in Shiite cities such as Najaf, Karbala and Kadhmiya

❖ ***In 2002 the legal age of marriage for girls was raised to 13 although marriage under 13 was permitted upon the request of custodies and permission of the court.***

Human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation:

Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

Refugees: Victims of Human Trafficking

- 10 000 unaccompanied children are missed (Europol)
- Male refugees are sold on slave market (IOM)
- Increase of identified victims by NGOs (EUSDR-Project)

High number of unidentified victims!

They are hardly recognized in mass of migrants

- Smuggling in the focus of discussion
- Human trafficking (THB) must not be overloaded
- More and more refugees end up in exploitation situations

Lessons Learned in Rural Nepal: Educate, Empower, Enable

- ◆ Education – Formal & Skills Training
- ◆ Computer Literacy & English Literacy
- ◆ Teacher Training
- ◆ Women's Groups
- ◆ Menstrual Hygiene
- ◆ Healing from Emotional Trauma / Reunification
- ◆ Ongoing Leadership commitment to the projects

What contributes to the vulnerability of women and girls?

- Economic insecurity
- Limited opportunities for education
- Work in informal and unregulated sectors
- Longstanding cultural practices



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- Conflict and humanitarian crises
- Discriminatory legislative practices



During Discussion Meeting

Contemporary Enslavement of Women and Girls in regions around the world:

- According to Anti-Slavery International – estimated 40.3 million people are subjected to different forms of slavery worldwide
- ❖ Event organized and supported by OFAP (Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific)

Main contributing factors to slavery:

- Poverty
- Underdevelopment
- Conflict
- Social exclusions
- Religions
- Cultural traditions

Middle East & North Africa modern forms of modern slavery:

- Forced recruits in state and non-state armed groups
- Forced marriage
- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Forced labour
- Debt bondage

Report by Ms. Urmila Bhoola – Special Rapporteur on Slavery

- Modern slavery is linked to weak sustainable development and subsequent poverty it entails, coupled with the exclusion of human rights principles from the prevailing 'free market doctrine of economic development' and 'adherence to the neo-liberal economic principles' as espoused by most states nowadays.



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Reasons why vast majority of modern day slavery victims are women and girls:

- Poverty and exclusions
- Prone to drop out of school
- Lack of autonomy
- Right to make informed decisions
- Unpaid domestic and care works
- Often traded as a form of currency
- Child marriages

Actions taken for the Women Slavery:

- ◆ SGDs have created sustainable development ending poverty and human trafficking, and mobilize resources for states and non-states actors to combat contemporary enslavement of women and girls.
- ◆ ACUNS, Soroptomists International and NGO Committee on the Status of Women plans to organize side events to address the modern forms of enslavement of women and girls

*On-going Conference****Key Objectives:***

- To revitalize the debate on contemporary enslavement of women and girls by raising awareness and sensitizing public opinion on this issue
- To bring together scholars, academics and practitioners in this field, to encourage exchange information, lessons learned and best practices
- To present and analyze effective criminal justice responses towards preventing and combating enslavement of women and girls
- To explore ways to tackle societal systems and attitudes that perpetuate those structures that enable and promote enslavement of women and girls
- To encourage international cooperation amongst different state and non-state actors who fight contemporary forms of slavery affecting women and girls
- To explore the possibilities that state, non-state actors and the wider society have to offer towards the prevention and the rehabilitation of female victims of modern slavery.



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Councilor Wu and Mr. Nuno Jorge (Farewell Gathering)



OFAP has been supporting the publication of the Femicide for 10 volumes!