



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

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Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 63/194 adopted on 18 December 2008 with respect to improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 11 of the resolution, I have the honour to transmit herewith a background paper to the General Assembly on the aforementioned issue.

The report summarizes the views of a broad and diverse group of Member States, international organizations and civil society stakeholders on a wide range of specific measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of all legal instruments relevant to trafficking in persons, particularly the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Trafficking in Persons Protocol). It also makes concrete recommendations on how to achieve the full and effective coordination of international efforts against trafficking in persons.

This report also includes, in Annex II, the recommendations emanating from the meetings on 14 to 15 April 2009 of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons, established by the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. The Working Group formulated recommendations to the Conference on how better to implement the Trafficking Protocol and to coordinate anti-trafficking activities. These recommendations complement the report.

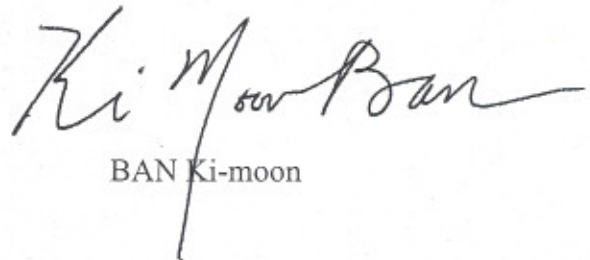
Finally, the report includes, in Annex III, the narrative of the Framework for Action for effective implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol, which is being developed by experts from international organizations. The Framework for Action is a technical assistance tool that provides operational measures in the three areas of prevention, protection and prosecution, as well as coordination and cooperation. It therefore constitutes an additional resource that may facilitate Member States' consideration of effective international responses to the problem of trafficking in persons.

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It is my hope that Member States will view this background paper, together with its two annexes, as providing a rich and varied set of proposals, from a cross section of interested stakeholders, that may contribute to a useful and action-orientated discussion of the General Assembly during its thematic debate on taking collective action to end human trafficking, to be held on 13 May 2009. In this regard, the release date of this background paper has been moved forward to accommodate the request of Member States to release it in advance of the thematic dialogue.

I should be grateful if you would bring the attached background paper to the attention of the members of the General Assembly.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon