



THE TRADE IN MINORS IN THE DIGITAL AGE:

WAKING UP THE WORLD TO THE DIRE NEED TO STOP TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, INCLUDING VIA THE INTERNET

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TWO-DAY SPECIAL EVENT

UN Headquarters, New York

FILM FESTIVAL

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 6-9.30 pm
Conference Room 4**

THEMATIC DIALOGUE

**Thursday, September 28, 2017, 10 am-1 pm
ECOSOC Chamber**

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in July 2010 reaffirmed the commitment of the Member States to end the heinous crime of trafficking in persons, to protect and assist victims, to prosecute perpetrators and to promote partnerships to strengthen cooperation for those purposes.

Almost a decade later a high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (September 27-28, 2017, UN Headquarters) will appraise the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking.

Unfortunately, human trafficking still flourishes worldwide despite the efforts to fight it. Dozens of thousands of people, including children, are forced into labor, servitude or sex trade each year.

The widespread and continuing practice of sex tourism, to which children are especially vulnerable, fuels the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.

The rapid development of the internet and other communication and entertainment technologies resulted in growing availability of child pornography, including sexual abuse material, pedophilia and other forms of sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

This two-day event will bring together government representatives, diplomats and practitioners from the UN system and from civil society to review progress, best practices and provide practical guidance on how to improve international efforts to combat human trafficking in terms of the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, including via the internet.

ORGANISERS

- **Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking**
- **Center for Family and Human Rights and other civil society organisations engaged in the fight against human trafficking**

PRELIMINARY SCENARIO

DAY ONE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING FILM FESTIVAL

Opening ceremony

- **Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking** representative (tbd);
- **H.E. Yury Fedotov**, UN Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNDOC
- **civil society** representative (tbd);
- **Mr Benjamin Nolot**, filmmaker;
- **Ms Mary Mazzio**, filmmaker

Filmmakers will present anti-trafficking documentaries/dramas that highlight the global phenomena of abuse of women and girls through trafficking and sexual exploitation. Short Q&A with filmmaker to follow each film.

Featured films:

'Nefarious' (author -Benjamin Nolot)

'I Am Jane Doe' (author - Mary Mazzio)

DAY TWO: THEMATIC DIALOGUE "THE TRADE IN MINORS IN THE DIGITAL AGE: WAKING UP THE WORLD TO THE DIRE NEED TO STOP TRAFFICKING IN CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, INCLUDING VIA THE INTERNET"

CEREMONIAL SEGMENT

Moderator: **Ms Mercedes Schlapp**, Fox News Contributor

Presentation of the video highlighting the exploitation of vulnerable women and girls around the world and the response by the international community to stand against it

Statements by the invited speakers:

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, President of the 72nd session of the General Assembly (tbc),
- **H.E. Yury Fedotov**, UN Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director, UNDOC
- **H.E. Antony Lake**, Executive Director of UNICEF (tbc)
- **H.E. Andrei Dapkiunas**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus
- High-level representatives, **Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking** (tbc)
- **Ms Rani Hong**, Survivor Leader, Head of Tronie Foundation
- **The Honorable Ann Wagner**, US Congresswoman (tbc)

PANEL DISCUSSION: Successful Efforts Combatting Internet Child Pornography and Rescue Assistance for Children Exploited in Sex Tourism

Presentation of the video

Moderator: **Ms Susan Yoshihara, Ph.D.**, Senior VP, Center for Family and Human Rights

- **Ms Camille Cooper**, Director of Government Affairs National Association to Protect Children, The HERO Child Rescue Corp *"Using the internet to capture online child pornography predators"*
- **Ms Carol Smolenski**, Executive Director, ECPAT-USA *"Halting Sexual Exploitation of Children in Tourism"*
- **Ms Mary Mazzio**, filmmaker, author of 'I Am Jane Doe'

PANEL DISCUSSION: Addressing the physical and psychological harm of sex-trafficking victims and the cultural norms and societal breakdown that fuels demand.

Presentation of the video highlighting the magnitude of woman and children victimized by sexual exploitation

Moderator: (tbc)

- **Ms Rachel Moran**, survivor leader and founder of Space International *"Addressing prostitution myths surrounding decriminalisation and Nordic Model success"*
- **Mr Benjamin Nolot**, President, Exodus Cry *"Addressing Demand through Social Reform: The Connection Between Sex Trafficking and Fifty Shades of Grey"*
- **Ms Laura Lederer**, President, Global Center on Health Consequences *"Health consequences of sexually exploited persons"*
- **Mr Deidre Pujols**, President, Open Gate International *"Poverty reduction prevention skills and restoration"*

Interactive discussion (following the panel discussions)

POTENTIAL CIVIL SOCIETY CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Principals from the following cosponsoring organisations not participating on a panel may make an intervention during the interactive dialogue:

- Civil Society for the Family
- Global Centurion
- Human Coalition
- Charlotte Lozier Institute
- Christian Medical and Dental Association
- Open Gate International
- Exodus Cry
- Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)
- Family Research Council
- Human Life International
- National Center on Sexual Exploitation