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ITALY: BREAKING THE SLAVE TRADE

VIDEO

CENTER FOR DETENTION

JOY ARRIVING AT CENTER

JOY ON CAMERA

IN MEETINGS

AUDIO

NARRATION:

Joy Ngozi Ezeilo steps into worlds she wishes she didn't have to. (5)

At this immigration detention center in Turin, Italy, she meets victims of a heinous trade – the trafficking of human beings. (8)

JOY NGOZI EZEILO: (In English) F

"We know we have had transatlantic slavery and that ended over two hundred years ago. But now we have new forms of slavery. And human trafficking is part of that. Human trafficking is modern day slavery." (14)

NARRATION:

Joy, from Nigeria, is an attorney and a university professor, tasked by the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to examine the global trafficking of human beings. As an independent expert,

she works without pay and, at times, at great personal risk. (17)

JOY ON HER MISSION TO ITALY

Now, at the invitation of the Italian government, she's on a 10-day visit, travelling the country to meet the concerned authorities as well as women and girls, victims of trafficking. // Pamela is one of them. (13)

PAMELA ON CAMERA

PAMELA: (In English) F

"The man who told me his sister in Italy needed a babysitter was a friend of my sister." (6)

MAP TO LAGOS

NARRATION:

Pamela trusted the family friend who promised her a well-paying nanny job, a work visa and plane ticket to Italy. But instead, when she eventually arrived in Italy, she found herself forced into prostitution to pay off the cost of her journey. (13)

MAP OF FLIGHT, LAGOS TO
NORTHERN ITALY, MILAN

PAMELA: (In English) F

PAMELA ON CAMERA

"My first day at work I went to hide. I just went in a corner to stay. I cried, I cried because I never had done such a thing before in my life." (14)

NIGHT STREET SCENES IN MILAN

NARRATION:

Pamela's predicament, like that of thousands like her, went undetected. // Had she been asked the right questions by the authorities, she could have been identified as a victim of trafficking and, under Italian law, would have been afforded protection. // Immigration

GUIDO SAVIO IN OFFICE

Defence lawyer, Guido Savio. (17)

GUIDO SAVIO ON CAMERA

GUIDO SAVIO: (In Italian) M

“The police don't even ask themselves if that woman on the street could be a victim of trafficking. And they don't realize that by not asking these questions, they violate international treaties that outline protocols for identifying victims.” (17)

NARRATION:

EXTERNAL SHOTS UN SECRETARIAT

Each year, as part of her work as the human rights Special Rapporteur on Trafficking, Joy delivers detailed reports to the United Nations General Assembly or the Human Rights Council, sharing findings and making practical recommendations to combat human trafficking. (14)

JOY IN CONSULTATIONS

EXCERPT FROM JOY'S SPEECH AT GA

“Trafficking in persons requires a multilateral and multidisciplinary response, and no single country or entity can combat it alone.” (9)

NARRATION:

PAMELA AT HOME

Pamela was finally able to escape her trafficker and was provided protection by the Italian authorities and the right to stay in the country. // But for Joy, who is the moral voice for those who can't speak for themselves, the fight continues. (13)

JOY AT DETENTION CENTER

JOY:

JOY ON CAMERA

“I think it has gone on for far too long. And we

must say No, stand up, speak out, end it. That way, we can stamp out human trafficking, this modern day slavery.” (11)

NARRATION:

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