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### TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS

#### VIDEO

AIRPORT/PATIO

#### AUDIO

(NATURAL SOUND – AIRPORT)

Twenty year old Marina Varechini has just arrived home to Brazil. (8")

BLURRED IMAGES OF MARINA  
AT AIRPORT

Her nightmare began when she left for London on an acquaintance's promise of a high paying job. Instead, she was kept in confinement there -- forced to work as an illegal labourer. (12")

PLANE LANDING

Marina managed to escape and fled to a police station. (23")

MARINA ON-CAMERA

VARECHINI: (In Portuguese)

"As soon as the plane landed here, I cried with joy. I am back to my country and I now feel protected." (8")

PLANE ON RUNWAY

Others are not so lucky. Over one hundred thousand Brazilians, mostly poor women and girls desperate for better opportunities, are victims of human trafficking. (12")

COLLAGE OF FEMALE IMAGES  
AND NEWSPAPER ADS

They leave home after answering false ads or speaking with criminals who pose as employers. They are promised well-paid jobs as domestic servants, waitresses, entertainers, and factory workers in Western Europe and North America. Others believe they are going to marry wealthy men abroad. (18")

ANTONIO WAGNER AT DESK

Antonio Wagner Castilho is a Federal Police Officer in Brazil. (5")

ANTONIO WAGNER ON-  
CAMERA

WAGNER: (In Portuguese)

"They believe that they will work in nightclubs and will have their weekends off, that they will live in apartments or communities but in fact, this never happens" (9")

PROSTITUTES AND ARRESTS

NARRATION

Instead their passports are confiscated, they're physically confined, and are forced to work as prostitutes, or labourers in sweatshops. Others are sold outright to the highest bidder. (12")

WOMAN ENTERING BLDG.

Laura Bueno, a State Prosecutor in Brazil has travelled to Europe to investigate human trafficking. (6")

LAURA BUENO ON-CAMERA

BUENO: (In Portuguese)

"They live in houses with fences so that the women will not be able to escape. They are exploited sexually. Their lives are controlled and many die." (10")

PROSTITUTES

Brazil is quickly joining parts of Eastern Europe,

Africa and South East Asia as a hot spot for trafficking. It is a staggering nine billion dollar a year global industry – the third most lucrative criminal activity behind drugs and arms. (18")

QUAGLIA INTRO

Giovanni Quaglia, Representative at Brazil's United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC. (7")

**QUAGLIA:**

QUAGLIA ON-CAMERA

“Like any commodity, if there is a demand, there will always be someone interested in trafficking, so there is big money involved.” (9”)

MAN EMERGING FROM CAR TRUNK

So big that traffickers are branching out – helping smuggle illegal immigrants across borders. Their one-time fee --- ten thousand dollars. (12")

PEDESTRIANS

Just what can be done to combat Brazil's trafficking trade? (4")

TRAFFICKER & VICTIM IDENTIFICATION

The UNODC has launched a pilot program in which the names and identifying information of victims and traffickers are compiled into a data bank. (10")

**QUAGLIA:**

QUAGLIA ON-CAMERA

“We do it by improving the data bank of the federal police so they can exchange information with the other police in Europe and the U.S.” (10")

**NARRATION**

APPREHENDED CRIMINALS AND VICTIMS

This information helps authorities on both ends apprehend the criminals or rescue victims when

they enter or exit the countries. (7")

AERIAL SHOTS GOIANIA

The UNODC also studies "patterns" of trafficking and has found that many of the victims come from here – Goias State in Central Brazil.

(9")

AIRPORT TERMINAL INTERIOR

Working off this information, police can control the borders in and out of this region and target its crucial departure points, like Goias' main airport. (9")

WOMEN LEAFLETTING

Finally, the program, together with local groups, spearheads public education campaigns. (6")

(NATURAL SOUND – VOLUNTEER WORKERS)

LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

Here a voluntary organization, ASBRAD, works Brazil's largest airport, distributing leaflets warning travelers about accepting invitations to work abroad and sudden marriage proposals. (12")

VOLUNTEER TALKING TO MARINA

It's information that may have come too late for Marina, but will hopefully prevent thousands of others from living her same nightmare. (8")

#### NARRATION

PROSTITUTES & TRAFFICKERS IN CUSTODY

Human trafficking will be on the agenda at the April 2005 U.N. Crime Congress in Thailand. The

International Community must take action to stop this modern form of slavery. (12")

U.N. LOGO (10")

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