



Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking and Exploitation

18th October, 2015, European Anti-Human Trafficking Day - Stories and actions from the RENATE Network.



In **Bucharest, Romania**, Sr. Adina Balan, CJ, has organised both a workshop and a prayer service with religious, in the context of the Year of Consecrated life.

Ivonne van de Kar from the **SRTV in the Netherlands**, shares with us the news that she will be speaking at a special Mass of Remembrance, celebrated by the Sisters of Charity Mother of Mercy, on Friday, the 16th of October for all victims of Human Trafficking. The entire congregation of two hundred and fifty sisters will be involved in the liturgy.



A Light Shining in a Dark Place of Human Trafficking

In the **UK**, the **Medaille Trust** has organised a week-long training programme from the 12th -16th October, in Slovenia, as a practical contribution, with input from the following;

- UK Metropolitan Police Service-Human Trafficking and Kidnap Unit.
- The Serious Crime and Specialist Support Department of the Hampshire, UK, Police Service.
- The Warrant Officer and the Head of the Human Trafficking Department of the National Police Headquarters in Poland.

Amongst those attending will be delegates from Mary Ward Loreto, Albania; Different and Equal (D& E) anti-human trafficking project in Albania; RENATE members from Croatia, Poland, Slovenia and the Medaille Trust from the UK.

Whilst delegates will share presentations of their work in the area of Human Trafficking, the main focus of the training will be on team building and development in areas such as:

- Working with law enforcement- Anti-Trafficking Partnerships;
- Working with law enforcement-Supporting Police Operations.
- Practical Exercises when Investigating Trafficking.
- How best to support clients at Court appearances.

- The importance of remaining Victim Focused.

A Prayer Card has been devised by **TRAC UK**, for distribution amongst the Parishes, schools and wider community. (www.traconline.org.uk)



In Malta, with a view to raising awareness and solidarity with victims, from 17.00-21.00 on the 18th of October, the Good Shepherd Chapel at the convent where RENATE member Sr. Margaret Gonzi resides, will host an exhibition of charts and statements made by Pope Francis

condemning human trafficking.

This is a joint event with the Parish and a meditative Rosary will be prayed at the Angelus bell, followed by Vespers, in memory of the victims of human trafficking



Mary Ward Loreto Foundation, Albania.

Imelda Poole, IBVM, and President of RENATE shares a calendar of activities planned by Mary Ward Loreto, in Albania, for the 14th-18th of October as attached.

ACTIVITY	PLACE	NO. PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSIBLE
The Activities on 18th of October	Albania	144	MWL Women
A creative and joined prayer against trafficking : 16 girls are going to be dressed in white and light a candle while praying for the victims and spread leaflets of information to the people present in the pilgrims church of Saint Anthony – Laç, Albania	Tropoja	16	Lulzime
A meeting with the women: the role of the family in prevention of human trafficking. How to advice youngsters & parents possible risks of being trafficked. Stigma , how to fight stigma and support victims	Kallmet-	15	Aferdita

A meeting with a group of youngsters: Identification of risky situations of being trafficked: The profile of a trafficker; Emergency numbers, who should be contacted, steps to be followed; Stigma, how to fight stigma and support victims; What can I personally do to fight human trafficking. Bakhita film will be shown to a group of youngsters	Lezhe	15	Aferdita
Visiting the Monastery of the 40 Saints and Martyrs of Saranda: Informing and discussing on slavery in time and modern day slavery. How can we identify the risks of being exploited and of trafficking?	Shendelli, Sarande	25	Zana
A meeting in collaboration with the sisters and the Parish Priest with a group of youngsters: Identification of risky situations of being trafficked; The profile of a trafficker; steps to be followed; Stigma, how to fight stigma and support victims; What can I personally do to fight human trafficking.	Hot i Ri, Shkoder	22	Elida / Ana
The activities on the 18th of October.	Albania.		
Participation of the MWL Youth groups of Tirana and Lushnja in the Organized March in Tirana from the National Referral Mechanism, the Network of Shelters and the Interior Ministry's Anti-trafficking Coordinator.	Tirana	30.	Gazi.

Additionally, Imelda shares the following case-studies with us. These are original stories of girls who became victims of human trafficking but through help and support, are able to enjoy newfound freedom and safety for their futures.

Story 1:

The case of Alba from the north.



and lived in a rented house.

Alba is a 25-year-old mother with two very young children. Alba's sister is missing and so, Alba is the main carer for her nephew (her sister's son). Alba got married when she was only eighteen years old, mainly for economic reasons, because her family was very poor. She and her husband moved to Tirana in search of a better life

However, there were considerable difficulties for them in Tirana. Although Alba worked as a cleaner, her husband did not find regular work and the earnings were not enough to support a family of five members.

Due to stress her husband was involved in a conflict with another person and ended up in prison for two years. Alba remained alone with the children, facing endless expenses.

The only solution that she could find at that time was prostitution. Although abused, intimidated and beaten, she continued as she was the only person earning money so that she could feed her children. But she could not continue for long. She gained the courage to speak with a sister who referred Alba to us.

Alba wanted to leave prostitution, but she was desperate for money and the most immediate things. An emergency response was granted to her by providing a monthly food package, clothes for children, and medical assistance. At the same time, a plan was made with her for finding regular work. Psychological counselling was offered to her to overcome the trauma of abuse.

Now, two years later, Alba is re-united with her husband and is employed. But above all, she feels free and independent, hopeful and happy.

Story 2:

Selma.

Selma was born in a small village. When she was a little child she used to be hopeful about her future, about having a career, and finding a good husband when she would grow up. Her dreams started to fade after her twelfth birthday when she was not allowed to go to school anymore, and was not free to meet her friends. She realized that as a girl, her role was to do the house work, and that it was her father who would choose a husband for her.



When she was twenty three years old, Selma met and fell in love with Albert. He used to be very gentle, and promised to marry her. She told her family about her boyfriend and sought their approval to marry him. Her parents blamed her for not respecting the honour of the family, and beat her badly when she told them that Albert belonged to another religion.

While her family was planning an engagement for her, she planned her escape with her boyfriend. Albert told her that he had a good friend in Greece who would help them with accommodation until he found a job. When they arrived in Greece, they met his friend in a bar, had a drink and a normal conversation. So Selma had nothing to suspect..

While Selma thought they were driving home, Albert turned to her and said: "You have to go with him and do what he tells you to do". Albert then left the car. Selma was terrified and started to shout for help and tried to open the door of the car, but the driver hit her and told to be silent, otherwise he would kill her. They arrived at an old building, where other girls were. He brought her into a small room with just a bed and a mirror, and raped her. "This is what will happen to you every day" he said and left the room.

Selma was resistant to the first client, but he complained to the "boss". She was beaten so badly that she could hardly move for three days. Then she had at least three or four clients in a day for fourteen months. She was not allowed refuse anybody. There was no way to escape. There were no windows and the doors were very high and always locked.

"Sometimes we could hear the traffickers talking and planning how to get rid of us in case we did not make enough money. They said they would kill us, burn us or throw us in the river. None of us wanted to be beaten and murdered so we had to try hard".

Selma thinks he was part of the trafficking group, but one man saved her. She does not even know his name. For two months, Selma begged him to help her, but without any response. Then one night, when she least expected it, he told her to run out the backdoor and not to stop until she found herself very far from the house. She did so and she ran for two hours. She was very thirsty and asked a woman for some water. The woman gave her water, helped seat her and then called the police.

A few months later, Selma called her family to let them know that she was alive and that she wanted to return home. Her father replied "For us you are already dead". That was a shock for her, but she kept moving ahead. At least she was free! Now she is working hard for her emotional recuperation and starting to build dreams for her future.

Story 3:

Elsa.



have an abortion.

Elsa has been trafficked for two years, from the age of nineteen to twenty one years old. She was pregnant and her boyfriend seemed to be happy with the fact that he was going to be a future father. She totally believed him and they planned together to go to Italy to deliver the baby there. Her family never knew her boyfriend, since they thought she had to break up with him and

Elsa was very happy during their first week in Italy. One day her boyfriend called her and told her that a friend of his was going to pick her up and they would all meet together at a restaurant for dinner, so she had to put on a nice dress. This "supposed friend" appeared at her door and said that he would wait for her at the car. While he was driving, she realized that he was taking the wrong direction. When Elsa told him this, he said: "Your boyfriend told me to take care of you, same as other girls". That was the moment she realised she had

been sold to a trafficker. She tried to get out of the car but it was impossible as he hit her with a gun and she fell unconscious.

She woke up three days later and realised that the traffickers had given her drugs and had paid somebody to kill the child in her womb. The trafficker then told her that she was ready to work and asked for some appropriate clothes. That day she had her first client who used to be very violent to her. The next clients were violent too. Elsa says that she and other girls have been tortured, that when a client complained about her, she was not given food for two or three days and when she was ill they put her in a small room and left her there until she recovered naturally.

Elsa speaks Italian and used to beg for help to one client who felt sorry for her and planned an escape for her. It was not easy because he didn't want to be discovered, and this took three months. One day as he was leaving, he let the door open so she could escape. While running in the street, she got into the back of a van without anybody noticing her. When the van stopped she ran away and continued running, regardless of not knowing which direction to run. She was wearing high heeled shoes but she didn't mind about the wounds in her feet. She was so frightened that she dare not stop for even a few seconds just to take off the shoes. By the end of the day, she lay in the park exhausted, where two girls who were passing by approached her and asked if she needed help. Elsa asked them to let her call the police, which they did. They brought her some food, gave her a scarf to cover her and went away.

Elsa is constantly in touch with her family who apologized to her for not supporting her during her pregnancy, but she knows that they could never imagine that this was going to happen to her. Elsa got her freedom, has a job, has her family, and she is happy. She has shown that she is a very strong girl.

Story 4:

Mona.

Mona has been trafficked for three years. When she was fifteen years old, she fell in love with a guy who was about twenty two years old. Her family was very conservative, so she used to meet him secretly for five months. When her brother was told by his friends about her relationship, he went immediately to his father and told him everything. Her parents told her to break up this relationship but she did not. One day when he appeared at her school she felt her heart beating fast. They started their secret relationship again. She was afraid of being discovered again by her family, so they decided together to go to Italy. Mona's boyfriend arranged their illegal trip and they departed by night.



During that trip she was raped by her boyfriend and his friend. She knew then that she was going to be trafficked but she couldn't escape. They blindfolded her with a scarf until they got inside the brothel, after which she didn't see her boyfriend anymore. Mona realised that they were not in Italy, but in Greece. One year later, she was sold to a tutor who sent her illegally to Italy. She was a sex slave there for two years. She heard the tutors saying that she was an asset for their brothel, since she was very beautiful and the clients would pay a fortune for her.

Mona has been isolated many times, held in a small mouldy room, without toilet facilities and without food and water for two days. She was very badly beaten. In case she refused to serve to the clients, she was threatened with being sent to that room again.

Mona has been rescued by somebody who was there as a client. Maybe he was not a client but she didn't mind, she needed to have faith in somebody. She told him her story and that she discovered she was pregnant. He promised to return for her and he kept his promise and he took her away with him. When they got very far away from the brothel, in another city, he advised her to run away.

She found a way to call her family, but her father told her that she was not his daughter anymore. After that, she called her aunt who lived in Italy and stayed with her for some months. She was seven months pregnant when her tutor found her and beat her so badly that it caused her abortion. He threatened her that in case she would denounce him, they would kill her sister. Mona couldn't live with her aunt, since she was not safe anymore. Her aunt paid somebody to bring her illegally to the UK. She was afraid that the driver would be a trafficker too, but in that moment she was so desperate that she didn't mind what would happen to her. She was travelling hidden in the van for five days. Eventually, the driver told her to jump off the van while he was driving slowly and to run for help.

"I was in the middle of nowhere, in the dark, and I was horrified, but I kept walking. I had the idea that somebody was following me but I couldn't even turn my head. By daybreak I saw a man. He asked me questions but I didn't know any English so I couldn't answer him, I only pronounced my name. Then he called the police".

Mona needed a lot of time to recover, and she had her moments when she thought it was worth dying rather than live with her sad memories. But then she told herself "I have been through many tortures and have survived, I am stronger now and will do it".

End.

From **Croatia**, Sr. Stanska Oršolić shared with us the 50 Invocations of Prayers that will be recited by her congregation, the Sisters of Notre Dame, in Zagreb, Croatia, at noon on the 18.th

INVOCATIONS & PRAYERS,
18th OCTOBER 2015,
EUROPEAN ANTI-TRAFFICKING DAY.



In this prayer service, we express our sincere concern for and solidarity and support with every sister or brother who are victims of human trafficking. Through the lighting of candles and placing them in the center of the circle with each of the participants of the prayer service, we intend to symbolically shine a light into the darkness in which there are so many victims of human trafficking who are crying out for our help and who are struggling to be rescued from capture. By this gesture, we also say one or more of these invocation prayer/s while the participants respond with the exclamation *Amen/Amin* (*Amin* is exclamation in Islamic religion).

1. God, help us as we stand for the liberation of people from racial, ethnic, religious or any other discrimination. *Amen/Amin.*
2. God, speak to people's hearts and help all those who are committed to fighting corruption. *Amen/Amin.*
3. God, defend the dignity of people who are deprived of their rights and whose documents were forcibly taken away. *Amen/Amin.*
4. God, enlighten all legislators to make just laws that will defend the dignity of every person. *Amen/Amin.*
5. God, have mercy on all the poor and open up our hearts and hands in order to seek ways and means of liberating our poor neighbours. *Amen/Amin.*
6. God, deliver us from the constant pursuit of the accumulation of wealth, often a source of unworthy ideas for both ourselves and for our loved ones. *Amen/Amin.*
7. God, bless all who dream of a better life and hear their sincere prayers. *Amen/Amin.*
8. God, deliver us from poverty and lack of education which are common causes of dreams of a better life and vulnerability to human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

9. God, let all the people on earth find employment and find just rewards for their work. *Amen/Amin.*

10. God have mercy on all those who are looking for a cheap labour force. Speak to their hearts and enable them to value the work of all employees. *Amen/Amin.*

God, let victims have the courage to report domestic violence and to live in peace and coexistence with relatives and friends. *Amen/Amin.*

God, grant freedom to all who are detained as victims of trafficking in human organs. *Amen/Amin.*

God, bless all who contribute education, enabling others acquire enlightenment. *Amen/Amin.*

God, give us strength to encourage children and youth and to give thanks and help to our neighbours. *Amen/Amin.*

God, release children and adults who are forced to distribute drugs. *Amen/Amin.*

God, release children who are forced to become soldiers. *Amen/Amin.*

God, release adopted children and adults from unworthy adopters. *Amen/Amin.*

God, release children and adults who are exposed to the pressures of begging. *Amen/Amin.*

God, have mercy on all those who are victims of the sex industry and release them. *Amen/Amin.*

God, have mercy on all who offer sex in the tourism industry. Let their minds, hearts and souls accept the correct livelihoods and be liberated to live in dignity. *Amen/Amin.*

God, help us stop people from using the dignity of the human body as a source of income. *Amen/Amin.*

God, help medical research to find ways of treating people with sexually transmitted diseases. *Amen/Amin.*

God, make known the ways and means by which victims are controlled, leading to further abuse. *Amen/Amin.*

God hear the prayers of people who are socially isolated and who have become hostages. *Amen/Amin.*

God, defend the dignity of all who are exposed to emotional pressure. *Amen/Amin.*

God, enlighten and direct victims whose self-esteem is violated. *Amen/Amin.*

God have mercy on all the victims who are subjected to the Mafia, any military and police personnel, the local lords and some neighbours who participate in the abuse of individuals and groups. *Amen/Amin.*

God, intervene in the deception of people who think that " life in the West " is a better one. *Amen/Amin.*

God, provide release for victims who are blackmailed under threat. *Amen/Amin.*

God, strengthen and improve the institutions that are committed to the rehabilitation of victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, we pray for the unification of national, international, religious and interfaith institutions to help in identifying and assisting the victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, encourage professionals to get involved in volunteering in therapeutic communities and to serve all victims of abuse. *Amen/Amin.*

God, encourage and free every victim, especially women and children, who are the victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, fulfil the hopes and hear the cries of the victims who are detained, release them from their misery. *Amen/Amin.*

God, break the chains and shackles of traffickers who are engaged in recruiting new victims which increases the trafficking chain. *Amen/Amin.*

God, expose all those involved in the chain of child pornography. *Amen/Amin.*

God soften the hearts of those who cause the starvation of people and enlighten their thoughts so they become aware of their acts of abuse. *Amen/Amin.*

God, encourage, help and motivate every human heart in search of ways of rescuing victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, grant every one of us the will to participate in the recognition of and help to release victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, make us willing to help in the processes of integration and rehabilitation of the victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, open our eyes and intensify our sensitivity so that we do not refuse and try to avoid problems related to human trafficking, thinking that they are happening "elsewhere ". *Amen/Amin.*

God, help us not to buy products that are produced or fabricated by victims of trafficking who did not receive a fair and just salary for their work. *Amen/Amin.*

God, encourage our hearts in order to develop a bridge of solidarity and true commitment to working against all that is at the root-cause of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, make us willing to believe that as a community of human beings, we are all members of your one great family. Grant us your grace to live by the laws of love and friendship. *Amen/Amin.*

God, strengthen and protect members of our families so that none would become a victim of trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

God, guide our steps along the right path so that we will find sympathy, compassion and ways to help all who are injured. *Amen/Amin.*

God, deliver every person in her/his life's journey from credulity. *Amen/Amin.*

God, grant us the gifts of fortitude and discernment in our friendships, kinship and neighbourliness. *Amen/Amin.*

God, help us to overcome every barrier we encounter on the path of liberation of trafficking victims. *Amen/Amin.*

God, purify our ideas, plans and desires. *Amen/Amin.*

God, bless meetings in our religious community so that we can contribute to raising awareness of the issue of human trafficking and to cooperate in helping the victims. *Amen/Amin.*

God, we thank you for this useful time spent in prayer and for the opportunity to gain deeper understanding of those around us who are injured victims of human trafficking. *Amen/Amin.*

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POLAND – PRESS RELEASE for the 18th of October, 2015



“Put an End to Modern Slavery” is the title of the campaign which will take place on the 18th of October, 2015 in the big cities of Poland: Warsaw, Katowice, Lublin, Zamość, Wrocław, Przemyśl, Cracow and Piaseczno. This initiative of the Bakhita Network¹ will commemorate the ninth European Day against Human Trafficking. The campaign aims to raise public awareness on the issue of modern slavery and call upon society to combat this crime. The campaign consists of a street pantomime, which will catch the attention of passers-by. There will be actors playing roles of victims and perpetrators, showing the cruelty experienced by so many innocent people, who were simply looking for a better job or a better life, and ended up enslaved. Using a voiceless form adds much to the expression of this play, as victims are those who are often unable to speak out unless they find a supportive hand.

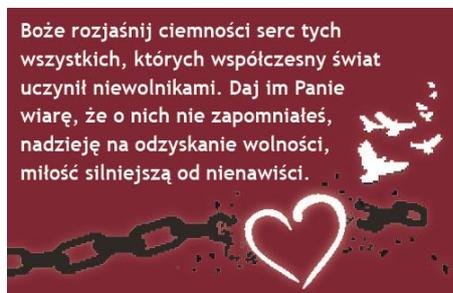
¹ Bakhita Network functions under the umbrella of the Conference of Major Superiors of Female Religious Orders in Poland.

The group of actors will be surrounded by volunteers who will talk to the people around and share some snippets of information on little cards, featuring visit cards. These cards include a prayer on one side and contact information on the reverse. Apart from a preventative dimension, this campaign will also express solidarity with the victims of human trafficking and make appeals to support them. One of the forms of solidarity is prayer to which all will be invited. Adoration and Eucharist will close the day.

Let's give some of your time for those, who were deprived of so much. Let us be with them.

Transform your helplessness in the power of prayer!

Pictured below are copies of Prayer cards, which will be distributed nationally, inviting people to pray for the victims of human trafficking .



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Information delivered by Aneta Grabowska on behalf of Sr. Joanna Lipowska fmm, President of Bakhita Network, Poland.

Slovakia- F ILMOVÝ FESTIVAL: Together against Human Trafficking.

In **Slovakia**, Andréa Bezáková, shares with us the news of the second annual film festival on the theme of Human Trafficking, which will again take place in Slovakia. The details are as follows:

Date: 16th October 2015 / Friday.

Start time: 17:00.

Venue: Barracks / Kulturpark Košice, Slovakia.

Admission: Admission is free but places are limited. To be certain to have a place at the festival, please reserve your ticket.

Why the festival? Through the Film Festival, we want to draw eastern Slovakia's attention to Human Trafficking, one of the fastest growing global crimes and one of the largest sources of income of organized crime.

Movies faithfully illustrate the consequences of exploitation on the lives of victims as well as the problems associated with recovery, in terms of one's self esteem, self-worth and dignity.

This is the second year that the Film festival will be held in Slovakia. Košice has been chosen as the venue for the festival as most victims of human trafficking last year, came from eastern Slovakia and in particular from Košice. Eastern Slovakia is the region most affected by human trafficking where most of the victims were recruited last year.

Poverty, the lack of economic opportunities and the high rate of unemployment in Slovakia, especially in the Eastern region, make people potential victims of traffickers – pimps, brothel owners and criminal groups. The most frequent destination country is United Kingdom. Why? Because it is relatively close and easy to get there. Some Eastern Slovak cities are directly connected by bus with British cities like Peterborough, Bradford, Birmingham, Bristol, Sheffield .

Also this year, the European Day for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings will be held on the 18th of October, when it is intended to remind people of the merciless reality of modern slavery.

Structure of the festival: The festival will see the screening of short films of foreign origin and provide opportunities for discussion. There will be experts present, invited from both Slovakia and abroad. This year, there will be a particular emphasis on the various forms of forced labour. Forced labour is one of the current problems relating to the Slovaks, particularly men, who become foreign victims of trafficking. There is a global dimension in the program relating to the juvenile phenomenon of forced child-labour, an example of which is the child-labour exploited in the global production of chocolate.



In the evening's program, the public will hear the testimony of a former porn actress from the United States who will talk about the dark practices from the world of the sex business, which is often directly connected to "peddling".

The festival is organized by Caritas Slovakia in cooperation with the Košice archdiocese charity, UK partners "Unchosen", with the support of the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic.

BOOK YOUR TICKET

Download the poster 

For additional information on the Festival:

<http://obchodsludmi.sk/>

<http://www.obchodsludmi.sk/festival/>

<http://www.obchodsludmi.sk/festival/program.php>

About films:

<http://www.obchodsludmi.sk/festival/o-filmoch.php>

Other activities: <http://www.obchodsludmi.sk/festival/sprievodne-akcie.php>

APT Ireland (Act to Prevent Trafficking) has designated the entire month of October, to anti-



trafficking awareness raising activities in Ireland. As part of their awareness-raising initiatives to mark the 18th of October, APT invited the Irish soprano, Celine Byrne, to perform in concert. The evening was also a celebration of APT's tenth anniversary. (Celine performs extensively throughout Europe, the United States of America, China, Russia and Mexico).

Members of the network will facilitate a training day on human trafficking, which will be held for Diocesan Justice and peace representatives nationwide, on the 24th of October, in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

APT actively participates in the *Turn off The Red Light* campaign, an alliance of NGOs, professional organisations, trade unions, and academics from across the country, and is currently lobbying politicians to support the introduction of the Nordic Model in Ireland. The Sexual Offences Bill, which would criminalise the purchase of sex, is currently making its way through the Senate and Parliament.

APT members will welcome and join RENATE Board members when they meet in Ireland at the end of October for Training.



**The Collective "Together against Trafficking in Human Beings"
presents five urgent requests to the French government.**

On the occasion of the **9th European Day against Trafficking in Human Beings, October 18, 2015**, the Collective "Together against Trafficking in Human Beings" which comprises 25 associations in France *, recalls the importance of this criminal phenomenon in our countries and deplores the lack of means used by the authorities to combat it.

First, very few of the 23 measures of the National Action Plan against trafficking in human beings, adopted by the Cabinet May 14, 2014, will begin to be implemented.

Then, the National Coordinator for the fight against human trafficking in the MIPROF (Inter-ministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the fight against Trafficking in Human Beings), who left his post in July last has not been replaced, leaving the associations without contact.

Finally, the financial resources for associations who welcome, accompany and support the daily victims of trafficking, though recommended by the Plan, are now close to zero.

The Collective recalls the need to fight against all forms of human trafficking, deplores all forms of trafficking which regrettably do not retain the same attention from the authorities. Beyond trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation, victims of trafficking for economic purposes or domestic servitude, forced begging or crime are rarely identified as such by designated competent bodies. Currently, poor migrants living in extreme vulnerability are breeding ground for all forms of human trafficking.

Therefore, the Collective asks:

1. that the fight against trafficking in human beings be attached to the Prime Minister to take into account all forms of trafficking,
2. a national awareness campaign to be launched in the consumer destination for 2016 and that trafficking is decreed a Great National Cause;
3. that police, gendarmes, judges are trained to better identify victims of trafficking,
4. the national action plan against trafficking in human beings be activated with full force and that funding should be transparent;
5. that necessary concrete and durable resources be given to associations working for the respect of human dignity and the fight against all forms of exploitation of human beings.

Member associations of the Collective "Together against Trafficking in Human Beings" :

Catholic Action of Women Acting Together for Human Rights, Amicale du Nid, Salvation Army , Act Against Child Prostitution, AFJ, Wandering Youth Association, Association for Social Rehabilitation, the Committee Against Modern Slavery, Protestant Committee for Human Dignity, Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, French Council of Associations for the Rights of the Child, ECPAT France, the Protestant Federation of Mutual Aid, Fondation Jean and Jeanne Scelles, Off the

Street, Justice and Peace France, La Cimade, the Women Bus Friends, The Fields of Boaz, Mouvement du Nid, International Organization against Modern Slavery, Planet Children, SOS Slaves, Secours Catholique - Caritas France.

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