



General Assembly

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Regarding Human Trafficking

The General Assembly,

Recalling its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing that trafficking in persons in areas affected by armed conflict and post-conflict situations can be for the purpose of various forms of exploitation, including exploitation of the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs,

Acknowledging that the International Labour Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally,

Expressing grave concern over the high numbers of girls and boys among persons trafficked in armed conflict and their heightened vulnerability to violations and abuses, including girls and boys who are forcibly displaced by armed conflict, particularly when separated from their families or caregivers,

Condemning all violations and abuses against children in armed conflict and *noting in particular* that the recruitment and use of children in violation of applicable international law by parties to armed conflict can be associated with trafficking in persons,

Reiterating the critical importance of all Member States fully implementing relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2195 and 2253, which express concern that terrorists benefit from transnational organized crime in some regions, including from the trafficking in persons among others,

Noting with concern the criminal misuse of information and communications technologies, particularly the Internet, to facilitate the trafficking of persons, in particular the sale and trade, by certain terrorist groups and emphasizing the importance of countering such use as

part of counter-terrorism efforts while respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms and in compliance with other obligations under international law,

1. *Condemns* in the strongest terms all instances of trafficking in persons in areas affected by armed conflicts, and stresses that trafficking in persons undermines the rule of law and contributes to other forms of transnational organized crime, which can exacerbate conflict and foster insecurity and instability and undermine development;
2. *Condemns* all acts of trafficking, particularly the sale or trade in persons undertaken by the 'Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant' (ISIL, also known as Da'esh), and *condemns* also any such trafficking in persons and violations and other abuses committed by Boko Haram, Al-Shabaab, the Lord's Resistance Army, and other terrorist or armed groups for the purpose of sexual slavery, sexual exploitation, or forced labour;
3. *Calls upon* Member States to take decisive and immediate action to prevent, criminalize, investigate, prosecute, and ensure accountability of those who engage in trafficking in persons, including in the context of armed conflict;
4. *Further invites* Governments to encourage media providers, including Internet service providers, to adopt or strengthen self-regulatory measures to promote the responsible use of media, particularly the Internet, with a view to eliminating the exploitation of women and children, in particular girls, which could foster trafficking;
5. *Calls upon* all Member States to allocate resources, as appropriate, to provide access to appropriate programmes for the physical, psychological and social recovery of victims of trafficking, including sexual and reproductive health - care services that include affordable treatment, care and support services.

Submitter: Egypt

Secunder: Israel

Negator: Yemen