



## Preparing for 2017 Review of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons: How to Bring Partners and Ideas Together?

### NO-NONSENSE WORKING ROUNDTABLE

**UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8  
Monday, December 5, 2016, 3–4.30 pm**

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Emirates**

**Uzbekistan**

**Venezuela**

### BACKGROUND

The Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons adopted at the 64<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly in July 2010 reaffirmed the commitment by 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.

By its resolution 70/179 “Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking”, the UN General Assembly decided to convene a **high-level meeting in October 2017 to review the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons** in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments.

During the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the General Assembly and under the guidance of facilitators who have yet to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, Member States will negotiate the resolution on the **modalities** of the high-level meeting and work on a **final outcome document**.

In the six years since the adoption of the Global Plan of Action a number of specific **new or insufficiently addressed manifestations and aspects of trafficking in persons** came to the fore which merit further discussion within the United Nations and beyond. These themes include, among others, the interrelation of human trafficking and migration, modern-day slavery, forced and child labour, trafficking in persons in conflict, crisis and disaster human trafficking for the purpose of organ removal.

### OBJECTIVES

Most of the logistical and organisational aspects of drawing up a modalities’ resolution and negotiating an outcome document are straightforward and predictable. Yet, there is a growing interest to make the intergovernmental preparatory process for the review of the Global Plan of Action as inclusive as possible by **encouraging contributions** from all relevant UN entities and other international organisations, civil society, the private sector and the media, as well as to try to elaborate a **result-oriented outcome document**.

The informal discussion will seek to identify a **pool of ideas** that could help the President of the UN General Assembly and his facilitators to define the circumstances of the Review Meeting thus allowing Member States to **focus** in the process of negotiations **on the substance, including:**

- How to prepare a review document that goes beyond a wordy compilation of agreed paragraphs and inconsequential repetition of known truths and presents **succinct practical guidance** on what has to be done to make the global struggle against all forms of human trafficking, including modern slavery, more effective?
- How to make sure that **all relevant non-governmental stakeholders** can actively contribute ideas and suggestions regardless of their speaking rights at the negotiation table?
- How to ensure that the zero draft of the outcome document is **as representative as possible of new ideas and timely analysis**? Is there a way to envisage wider participation of all ICAT members in the formulation of the zero draft?

### ATTENDANCE

As the room’s seating capacity is limited and to guarantee a nameplate and a convenient place at the microphone, it is advisable to register your delegation’s attendance in advance by contacting Ms Irina Velichko, Minister Counsellor of the Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail: iravelichko@gmail.com, tel: 917-6643-776).