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Resolution #1

Further Measures to Eradicate Trafficking in Persons

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming all previous resolutions on the problem of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in particular General Assembly Resolutions 61/144 of 19 December 2006, 63/156 of 18 December 2008, 63/194 of 18 December 2008 and 64/178 of 18 December 2009, and Human Rights Council Resolutions 8/12 of 18 June 2008, 14/2 of 23 June 2010, 17/1 of 6 July 2011 and 20/1 of 5 July 2012,

Emphasizing the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto, in particular the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (the “Trafficking Protocol”),

Endorsing the Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking, and the commentary thereon developed by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Guidelines on the Protection of Child Victims of Trafficking developed by the United Nations Children’s Fund (collectively “Human Trafficking Guidelines”),

Reaffirming General Assembly Resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010 that adopted the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons (“Global Plan of Action”), and by its terms the need to appraise in 2013 the progress achieved in implementing the Global Plan of Action,

Welcoming the steps taken by human rights treaty bodies and the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on Trafficking in Persons and the efforts of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, but deeply troubled because trafficking in persons, especially women and children, is still largely under-recognized, particularly at the community level, and under-reported by the States, and insufficient steps have been taken by the States to significantly reduce trafficking in persons notwithstanding all of the above efforts, Resolutions and actions,

Expressing grave concern at: (i) the alarming increase in the number of persons, especially women and children, who are being trafficked within and between regions and States (estimated by the International Labor Organization as of 1 June 2012 to be approximately 21,000,000 victims at any one point in time), which has reached pandemic proportions across the world, and (ii) the heightened activities of transnational and national organized crime groups who profit from trafficking in persons,

Deploring the continued delays by States to sign and ratify, or accede to, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, to fully implement the Global Plan of Action, the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, and to provide effective

remedies for trafficked persons globally, including compensation and reintegration into the community pursuant to the Human Trafficking Guidelines,

Condemning those States who continue to allow organized crime and other elements within their countries to create and maintain a considerable demand for the trafficking of persons, particularly women and children, within their borders, and concomitantly allow the import of a significant number of such trafficking victims into their States each year, in contravention with other efforts in which they may be engaged to combat human trafficking, *and particularly condemning* the United States, Japan, Germany and Italy for substantially allowing a high level of such activities to continue to occur within their country and for being some of the highest destination countries for trafficked victims,

1. *Decides* that no Member State shall provide in any way, and shall take all necessary measures to prevent, the direct or indirect supply, sale, transfer or distribution of oil, oil products, or any intermediary or related products to the United States, Japan, Germany and Italy, until, as to each particular above-referenced State, the Special Envoy Extraordinaire on Trafficking in Persons, appointed as provided below, verifies to this Assembly that the level of imports of such trafficking victims in that State has been reduced by at least ten percent (10%) from the previous year;
2. *Expresses its readiness* to issue further sanctions against any State who, by 31 December 2013, has not signed and ratified the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, and has not taken substantial actions toward fully implementing the Global Plan of Action, the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol;
3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to appoint a Special Envoy Extraordinaire on Trafficking in Persons to consult with each Member State, investigate and verify whether such State has, by 31 December 2013, signed and ratified the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, and taken substantial actions toward fully implementing the Global Plan of Action, the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Trafficking Protocol, and submit his or her findings to the Assembly by 1 January 2014;
4. *Further instructs* each State to strengthen and intensify its law enforcement procedures and actions to combat human trafficking and to significantly improve training of domestic law enforcement and border interdiction personnel to properly identify victims of human trafficking, particularly with respect to indicators of forced labor, debt bondage and sex trafficking, and not conflate such victims as illegal immigrants, and report such improved training and investigative methods to the Assembly by 31 December 2013 so that such best practices may be shared with other States through, *inter alia*, the efforts of the Special Envoy Extraordinaire appointed under Operative Clause 3 above;
5. *Highly recommends* that each State grant permanent resident status (and a program for potential citizenship) and a renewable work permit to each trafficking victim who voluntarily desires to remain in that State and who (i) demonstrates by credible evidence that such individual was a victim of human trafficking, (ii) is present in that State on account of such trafficking, and (iii) is willing to cooperate with law enforcement in prosecuting their traffickers (except for minors or especially traumatized victims), in order to effectively integrate them into the community and provide relief to such victims and allow them to be eligible for compensation or restitution from their attackers or from State-funded compensation programs;
6. *Proclaims* that 1 May of each year shall be designated as “World Trafficking in Persons Awareness Day” consistent with Paragraph 18 of the Global Plan of Action, *and exhorts* each State to implement a nationwide campaign within its State, including causing its mass media and State news services to conspicuously publicize 1 May as “World Trafficking in Persons Awareness Day” and making human trafficking one of its national

priorities. Widespread awareness of human trafficking will increase its visibility and importance to NGOs and businesses, making them more receptive to partner with governments in providing necessary services and relief to human trafficking victims;

7. *Strongly encourages* each State to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, established by Paragraph 38 of the Global Plan of Action.