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Final Annotated Agenda

19th *ALLIANCE AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS* Conference

Using Technology to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: Turning a Liability into an Asset

Vienna, Hofburg (Neuer Saal)

8-9 April 2019

In accordance with the Ministerial Council Decision 7/13 and the 2013 Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, the OSCE recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action on a national and international level to tackle current and emerging trends and patterns in trafficking in human beings (THB). In today's modern world, information and communications technology (ICT) is at the forefront of human trafficking discussions. Like all tools, technology can and is being used for both negative and positive purposes. While traffickers are using technology to recruit and control victims, profit from exploitation, and expand the illicit marketplace, technologies are also increasingly being used to prevent exploitation, protect victims and assist in holding traffickers accountable.

The *19th Alliance against Trafficking in Persons* conference will focus on how technology is being misused to facilitate trafficking, and how it can be developed, harmonized and deployed to help combat all forms of trafficking. This event will provide a platform within the context of technology for participants to identify, discuss and develop opportunities across all four "Ps" of the OSCE's response to human trafficking: prevention, prosecution, protection and partnership.

In this regard, a special emphasis will be put on ICT developments that can be used by multiple stakeholders — including law enforcement, analysts, social service providers, and NGOs — in order to maximize their scalability and impact through a more coordinated approach. The debate will also focus on exploring how national legal and institutional frameworks can be adjusted in support of this effort.

In conclusion, the Alliance Conference will focus on strategies for ending the misuse of technology to facilitate trafficking and promoting cooperative measures for utilizing ICT to combat trafficking. Throughout the conference, efforts will be made to further promote the full and effective implementation of relevant OSCE commitments including the *2013 Addendum to the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings: One Decade Later* (PC.DEC/1107/Corr.1), and relevant Ministerial Council Decisions, namely *Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children* (MC.DEC/15/06) and *Strengthening Efforts to Combat All Forms of Child Trafficking, Including for Sexual Exploitation, as well as other Forms of Sexual Exploitation of Children* (MC.DEC/7/17) as well as regional and international obligations.

Monday 8 April

11:00 – 14:30 **Registration**

13:15 - 14:00 *Side Event*

- *13.15-14.00, Bibliotheksaal, Harnessing Collaboration in Eradicating Human Trafficking: the Role of ICAT from Global to Local*

14:30 – 15:05 **Opening and Welcoming Remarks**

Chair: **Valiant Richey**, Acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Rudolf Urbanovič, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior of Slovakia, National Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Melanie Thompson, Human Trafficking Survivor

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

15:05 – 15:45 **Keynote Address**

Princess Eugenie of York

John Richmond, the United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons and the Director of the U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons

15:45 – 16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15 – 18:00 **Panel 1 – Understanding the misuse of technology to facilitate various forms of human trafficking**

The misuse of technology has expanded the human trafficking business as a whole, not only facilitating individual transactions but increasing the market for exploitation at large. The first panel will focus on describing how technology is being misused for trafficking purposes and how it benefits traffickers and their businesses. It will also emphasize the scope of the problem and trends relevant to the abuse of technology across different forms of trafficking, laying the groundwork for impactful responses discussed in subsequent panels.

Moderator:	**Rasa Ostrauskaite**, Co-ordinator of the OSCE Activities to Address Transnational Threats
Speakers:	**José Ángel González Morán**, Head of the Central Brigade against Trafficking in Human Beings of the Spanish Policía Nacional
	Ambassador Petra Schneebauer, National Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Austria
	Silvia Mera, Program Director, the Mekong Club
	Ana Revenco, Executive Director, "La Strada", Moldova
	Discussion

18:00 – 19:00	*Networking Cocktail*

Tuesday 9 April

9:00 – 10:30	**Panel 2 – Technology as a tool to prevent human trafficking and protect its victims**
	This panel will explore new opportunities in the area of prevention and protection. It will provide an overview of existing good practices and initiatives on how to harness the potential of technology to prevent human trafficking, including through public awareness, deterrence and policy. It will also examine technology-based efforts to protect victims including programmes, tools and good practices to break the vicious cycle of trafficking in human beings and provide a secure and safe future for vulnerable groups.
Moderator:	**Phil Bennett**, Tech Against Trafficking
Speakers:	**Andrew Wallis** OBE, CEO, Unseen
	Robert Beiser, Executive Director, Seattle Against Slavery
	Aditi Wanchoo, Senior Manager, Development Partnerships for Adidas
	Anthony D'Arcy, Head of CR Reporting, Communications and Customer Relations, Nokia
	Discussion

10:30 – 11:00	*Coffee Break*

11:00 – 12:30	**Panel 3 – The power of technology to assist in the identification of victims, investigation of cases, and prosecution of perpetrators of human trafficking**
	This panel will explore technology as an asset to victim identification, investigation and prosecution. It will provide an overview of existing good practices and initiatives on using technology to advance and enhance investigations and prosecutions of perpetrators. It will also examine technology-based efforts to identify victims and improve access to services.
Moderator:	**Ambassador Alena Kupchyna**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE
Speakers:	**Mick Moran,** Garda Liaison Officer, An Garda Síochána, Ireland
	Eleliis Rattam, District Prosecutor, Northern District Prosecutor's Office, First Department (Drug Related, Grave and Organized Crimes), Estonia
	Bria King, Product Manager, Thorn
	Hennie Verbeek-Kusters, Chair of the Egmont Group of Financial Intelligence Units, Commissioner of the Liechtenstein Initiative for a Financial Sector Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
	Cécile Plessard, Sociologist, IAE Caen, University Caen Normandie
	Discussion

12:30 – 15:00	*Lunch Break*
	Side events will be held during the lunch break
	• *13.30-14.45, Room 525, Countering Trafficking in Minors in the Digital Age*
	• *13.30-14.45, Room 532, Tech Against Trafficking: Mapping the Landscape of Technology Tools*
	• *13.00-14.45, Room 531, ICT Tools to Improve Proactive Identification of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings*
	• *13.45-14.45, Room 533, Technology, Trafficking and the OSCE: Findings and Conclusions of the OSCE's Innovative Mapping of Technology and How the OSCE Can Benefit from New Tools*

15:00 – 16:30   **Panel 4 – Changing the policy landscape: current and future strategic approaches to technology and human trafficking**

The last panel will elaborate on the findings of the previous panels and emphasize opportunities for larger scale, market-based interventions that can impact the severe scale of human trafficking. It will highlight the importance for cooperative approaches supported and reinforced by appropriate policy action at the national and international levels. Focus will be also on promoting efficient partnerships among various national and international actors to foster multi-disciplinary approaches to address the intersection of technology and trafficking. Participants will be encouraged to discuss ways to advance from theory to practice, in order to keep up with a fast-moving and constantly changing technological environment.

Moderator: **Valiant Richey**, Acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Speakers: **Petya Nestorova**, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention against Trafficking in Human Beings

Halla Gunnarsdóttir, Special Adviser on Gender Equality, Iceland

David Mancini, Prosecutor from the District Anti-Mafia Directorates of L'Aquila, Italy

Chris White, Principal Researcher and Partner, Microsoft

Eric Anderson, Modern Slavery Programme Lead and Senior Consultant, Human and Digital Rights, British Telecom

Discussion

16:30 – 17:00   **Closing Remarks**

Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

Valiant Richey, Acting OSCE Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings