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Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

The General Conference,

Emphasizing its strong condemnation of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, which constitutes an offence and a serious threat to human dignity and physical integrity, human rights and development (A/RES/64/293, pp. 2),

Expressing its serious concern that despite sustained measures taken at the international, regional and national levels, trafficking in persons remains one of the gravest crimes facing the international community and requires a more concerted collective and comprehensive international response (A/RES/67/190, pp. 1),

Recognizing the need to continue fostering a global partnership against trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery (A/RES/67/190, pp. 13),

Noting efforts and initiatives take by the Inter-Agency Coordination Group on Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) to enhance cooperation and coordination between United Nations agencies and other international organizations to combat trafficking in persons, including implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,

Recognizing the significance of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/293 of 30 July 2010, and *underlining* the importance of its full implementation (E/2013/30, pp. 3),

Recalling the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the appraisal of the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons held on 13 and 14 May 2013 in United Nations Headquarters,

Stressing the role of education in raising awareness about the prevention of trafficking in persons, and the need to promote of education, in particular human rights education, and human rights learning as a sustainable way of preventing trafficking in persons (A/RES/64/293, Annex, op. 19),

Recognizing that promotion of universal respect for human rights, the rule of law and the fundamental dignity of an individual will minimize demand for trafficked persons, and will facilitate access of trafficked persons to necessary protection, and assistance,

1. *Reaffirms* that broad international cooperation between Member States and relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations is essential for effectively countering the threat of trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery (A/RES/671190, pp. 10);
2. *Welcomes* UNESCO's contribution to the global efforts in combating trafficking in persons, including development of culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention programmes, taking into account the sociocultural backgrounds of vulnerable and at-risk populations, using appropriate channels of communication;
3. *Invites* Member States and other stakeholders mentioned in the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons to continue to contribute to the full and effective implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including by means of strengthening cooperation and improving coordination among themselves in achieving that goal (based on E/20 13/30, op. 1) and, *inter alia*, promoting and considering, as a priority, ratification or accession to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Palermo Protocol, and other relevant international instruments, as well as enacting national legislation that mandates legal protection to trafficked persons;
4. *Urges* the Director-General to intensity UNESCO's participation in the ICAT's activities to combat trafficking in persons, including related to the implementation of the Global Plan of Action;
5. *Invites* the Director-General to reinforce UNESCO's role in prevention of trafficking in persons and other contemporary forms of slavery through education, communication and media including promoting universal respect for human rights, the rule of law and the fundamental dignity of each individual.

Explanatory note

UNESCO's high commitment to protecting and promoting human rights and combating all forms of violence and discrimination against women and men, including trafficking for the purposes of sexual slavery and forced labour, defines its key role in international cooperation for preventing and combating trafficking in persons.

In 2006 UNESCO became a member of an Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons (ICAT) aiming at improving coordination of global efforts against human trafficking. In 2007 the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 61/180 "Improving the coordination of efforts against trafficking in persons" institutionalized ICAT in order to enhance cooperation and

facilitate a holistic and comprehensive approach by the international community to the problem of trafficking in persons.

To foster global partnership against trafficking in persons in July 2010 the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. The Global Plan prescribes specific measures for all the relevant stakeholders (Member States, international organizations, civil society and private sector) and encourages cooperation and coordination among all of them.

In May 2013 the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York to appraise the progress in implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

UNESCO submitted to the high-level meeting a report on some of UNESCO's activities to combat human trafficking, mainly trafficking in women and girls (attached).

In consideration with the importance of common endeavours of all the stakeholders in combating trafficking in persons and the great significance of UNESCO's field of competencies in prevention of human trafficking the 37th session of the General Conference is invited to examine the issue and to adopt the resolution on realization of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. The goal of this resolution is to ensure more visibility of UNESCO's activities on countermeasures against human trafficking and to assist to further concentration of joint work of all stakeholders.

The resolution will not have additional financial implications for the budget of UNESCO.