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PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN WEST AFRICA “THE ROLE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS”

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Office of Human Trafficking & Child Labour, Federal Republic of Nigeria
National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)
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AGENDA

JOSHUA HALL, HOTEL PROTEA
Abuja, Nigeria
February 24-25, 2004

Day I

Inauguration

9:00 – 10:30

Opening Session

Opening Remarks by Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah (Ghana) Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana & President of PGA, Member, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Economy, Finance & Trade
Welcome Address by Hon. Professor Ali Nouhoum Diallo, Speaker of ECOWAS Parliament
Keynote address by Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, Executive Secretary, ECOWAS Secretariat

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30**Session I: The Phenomena of Human Trafficking:
Categories of Trafficking**

Chair: **Senator Daisy Ehanire Danjuma**, *(Nigeria) Chair, Nigerian National Assembly Committee on Women's Affairs & Youth; Chair, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Women's & Children's Rights*

Trafficking of women and children for sexual exploitation and forced prostitution
 Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants and the Asylum System
 Trafficking of children for the purpose of forced labour such as domestic servants and agriculture
 Health Issues & Victims of Trafficking
 Parliamentary Intervention

Panelists:

Dep. Madeleine Théa (Guinea Conakry), ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Women's and Children's Rights
Mr. Steven Most, Project Officer, IOM Nigeria
Mr. MacJohn Nwaobiala, ILO Program Manager, Nigeria
Dr. Edugie Abebe, Director of Public Health, Nigerian Federal Ministry of Health
Mr. Sidia Sana Jatta, MP (The Gambia) ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Laws, Regulations, Legal and Judicial Affairs - Human Rights and Free Movement of People

12:30 – 14:00**Lunch, Bolingo Hall, Protea Hotel****14:00 – 15:30****Session II: The Response of the International Community to
Human Trafficking: Legal Remedies and Applicable Treaties**

Chair: **Dep. Esso Solitoki**, *(Togo) Chairman, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Laws, Regulations, Legal and Judicial Affairs - Human Rights and Free Movement of Persons, ECOWAS Parliament*

The UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocol against Trafficking in Persons, and International Cooperation in Criminal Matters: in particular, the ECOWAS Conventions
 African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child
 Anti-Slavery Conventions & Trafficking and Enslavement as Crimes against Humanity
 Utilizing the principles of International Criminal Law to fight human trafficking

Brussels Declaration, UN Protocol & Guidelines, and HCHR Guidelines
Parliamentary Intervention

Panelists:

Mr. Roger Laloupo, Director of Legal Affairs, ECOWAS Secretariat
Professor Adedokun A. Adeyemi, Dean of Law, University of Lagos
Professor Osita Eze, International Association of Criminal Justice Practitioners (IACJP)

Dr. David Donat-Cattin, Legal Advisor, PGA

Mr. Steven Most, Programme Officer, IOM Nigeria

Mr. Boukari Souley (Niger) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on the Economy, Finance and Trade

15:30 - 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:00

Session III: Removing Root Causes

Chair: *Dep. Shouhaib Dine Toure (Guinea) ECOWAS Committee on Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Defense & Security*

Political Economy & its Links to Human Trafficking

Coercive Means to Obtain Consent of Victims of Trafficking: Case of Families' Complicity with Traffickers

Conflict Related Abductions: Case of Child Soldiers in Liberia

Organized Crime and Financial Profit from Trafficking

Parliamentary Intervention

Panelists:

Ms. Marie McIntosh (Liberia) ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Women's and Children's Rights

Dr. Iur Rikka Puttonen, Crime Prevention Expert, UN office of Drug and Crime Prevention (UNODC)

Dep. Manuel Serifo Nhamajo (Guinea Bissau) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Youth, Education and Training

Mr. Olatunde Olayemi, WOTCLEF Project Officer

19:00 – 20:30

Cocktail Dinner - Bolingo Hall, Protea Hall

Speaker: Senator Mohamed Sanusi Daggash (Nigeria)

Chair, PGA Nigeria National Group

Day II – February 25, 2004

09:00 – 10:15 Session IV: Country Status Report & Comparative Legislation

Chair: **Mrs. Fatoumata Jahumpa Cessay, MP (Gambia)** *Chair, Committee on Women's Affairs & Youth, Parliament of Gambia; Member, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Women's and Children's Rights; Fourth Deputy Speaker, ECOWAS Parliament*

ECOWAS Initial Plan of Action against Trafficking in Persons 2002-2003
The case of Nigeria and the Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act 2003
Burkina Faso Country Report
Benin Country Report

Panelists:

Mr. Roger Laloupo, Director of Legal Affairs, ECOWAS Secretariat
Mrs. Carol Ndaguba, Executive Secretary, NAPTIP
Dep. Cecile Béloum (Burkina Faso) Member, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Legal and Judicial Affairs - Human Rights and Free Movement of Persons
Dep. Assouman Nouhoum (Benin) Member, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Defence and Security

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 Session IV: continued

Chair: **Dep. Oumou Ba Sangare (Mali)** *ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Women's & Children's Rights*

Mali Country Report
Côte D' Ivoire Country Report
Ghana Country Report
Togo Country Report
Niger Country Report
Sierra Leone Country Report

Panelists:

Dep. Habib Sofara, (Mali) Second Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Education, Training, Employment, Youth and Sport
Hon. Hawa Ogede Yakubu (Ghana) Chair, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Transport & Communication
Dep. Kakaki Kokou (Togo) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Public Health & Social Affairs
Mr. Boukari Souley (Niger) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on the Economy, Finance and Trade
Dep. Yeboue Kouassi, National Assembly of Côte d'Ivoire
Hon. Elisabeth Alpha-Lavalie (Sierra Leone) Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Sierra Leone; Second Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Defence and Security

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch - Bolingo Hall, Protea Hotel
Guest Speaker: Mrs. Atiku Titi Abubakar
Founder of WOTCLEF and Chairman of the Board

13:00 – 14:00 Meeting of Drafting Committee (Closed Session)

14:00 – 15:30 Session V: Strategies for Prevention and Combating Human Trafficking

Chair: **Dep. Assouman Nouhoum (Benin) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs, Cooperation, Defense and Security**

The Role of Parliamentarians in fighting human trafficking
The Paradox of Senegal: Legalized Prostitution and Impact on Cooperation
Other legislation & issues of budgeting
Cooperation between Africa and Europe
Cooperation within the ECOWAS Region

Panelists:

Dep. Fanta Manttini Diarra, (Mali)
Dep. Amath Dansokho (Senegal) Rapporteur, ECOWAS Parliament Committee on Laws, Regulation, Legal and Judicial Affairs - Human Rights and Free Movement of Persons
Mrs. V. K Umaru, Coordinator, WOTCLEF
Chief Mao Ohuabunwa (Nigeria) Member, ECOWAS Parliament Foreign Affaires, Cooperation, Defense and Security

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 Drafting Session (parliamentarians in attendance)

Chair: **Senator Mohamed Sanusi Daggash**, (Nigeria) *Chair, PGA Nigeria National Group*

Declaration and Plan of Action

17:00 – 17:30 Closing

Concluding Remarks by **Hon. Kenneth Dzirasah** - PGA President

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