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**INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE
FIGHTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:
PARTNERSHIP AND INNOVATION TO END VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

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Key points of the statement by

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- Belarus highly commends the efforts of the President of the General Assembly to organise the Interactive Dialogue on Human Trafficking and Protection of its Victims on the eve of the appraisal in 2013 the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.
- Today's event is a unique opportunity for all partners to assess what has been done and what we need to focus on to ensure an effective anti-trafficking response as well as full and comprehensive implementation of the Global Plan of Action.
- Our goal is to create a sustainable mechanism transforming the cooperation and coordination among all stakeholders in a steady and long-term element of the global fight against human trafficking.
- Crucial achievement of the Global Plan is the Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking, created under the aegis of the UNODC, designed to provide humanitarian, legal and financial aid to victims of human trafficking across the world. Belarus, which was among the first to contribute to the Fund, strongly encourage the, governments, intergovernmental organizations, private-sector and civil society to continue finance support to the Fund.
- The Global Plan stimulated the accession by UN Member States to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- The idea of the Global Plan unified a number of States from different regions into the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking which become one of the core elements of international anti-trafficking efforts in New York, Vienna and Geneva.
- We believe that the UN should actively use potential of the General Assembly, the entities and agencies of the UN system to efficiently fight trafficking in persons at the global level, including through implementation of the Global Plan of Action and other international documents on human trafficking.
- Due to the strong legislative and policy measures taken by the Government of Belarus to combat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons these phenomena represent isolated occurrences at the national level.
- The Law of the Republic of Belarus "On Combating Human Trafficking" designed to ensure the application of best practice in the area of prosecution, protection, and prevention trafficking in persons and a human rights-based approach to victim protection and assistance was adopted In January 2012.
- The Government of Belarus is considering possibility of implementation of measures, aimed at financial and other support to NGOs, providing social services for victims of trafficking in persons.
- Belarus also makes a practical contribution to the global fight against human trafficking. About 800 law enforcement professionals from Belarus and around the world were trained in the International Training Centre for Migration and Combating Human Trafficking (ITC) in Minsk since 2008. We invite to cooperation with ITC all partners, interested in training, educating, sharing experiences, achievements and best practices in fighting human trafficking as well as participation in regional and interregional thematic events hosted by ITC.
- We believe that today's interactive dialogue will contribute to the joint efforts of Member-States, international organizations, civil society and private sector to strengthen international efforts to prosecute and punish offenders, protect victims of human trafficking.