

## TRADE FACILITATION MEASURES AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN SUPPLY CHAINS

### PREVENTION OF TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS IN SUPPLY CHAINS

#### Concluding meeting

24<sup>th</sup> OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

“Strengthening stability and security through co-operation on good governance”

Prague, 14-16 September 2016

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## The magnitude of the problem

20.9 million people are in forced labour situations worldwide and the majority of them, or an estimated 68%, are in a situation of labour exploitation (ILO)

Forced labour and THB in the private economy generates US\$ 150 billion in illegal profits per year (ILO)

71% of global companies believe there is a likelihood of modern slavery occurring in their supply chains (ETI UK)

50 top companies, with a combined revenue of 3.4 trillion USD, might have a hidden workforce of 116 million people (ITUC)

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## Why should governments and private sector combat THB in supply chains



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## OSCE leadership on CTHB in SC



*OSCE participating States to work with the business sector to apply principles of due diligence and transparency in assessing and addressing risks of exploitation throughout supply chains*

Zero-tolerance policies or other similar standards in government procurement of goods and services

*Require by law that all government contracts for goods and services go only to businesses that have a plan in place to ensure that their subcontractors and employees do not participate in activities that contribute to or that constitute THB*

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## The work of OSR/CTHB



**OSCE project** "Preventing Trafficking in Human Beings in Supply Chains through Government Practices and Measures"

**Financially supported** by Austria, Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland

**Project objective** to provide OSCE pS with practical tools to enact measures to prevent THB in supply chains and build their capacity to implement these measures



## The work of OSR/CTHB

**The high-level conference "Prevention of trafficking in human beings for labour exploitation in supply chains", Berlin, 7-8 September 2016**



- Over **180 participants**
- 85 government representatives from **35 OSCE pS / pC**
- **Experts from IOs**, such as CoE, CBSS, ICMPD, ILO, IOE, IOM, ITUC and UNODC

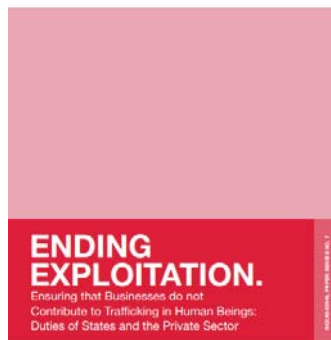


## Conclusions of the Conference

- ✓ THB can happen in any country or industry supply chain
- ✓ Binding labour standards in and their enforcement are essential to prevent THB in supply chains
- ✓ Leverage public procurement (PP) to CTHB in supply chains
- ✓ Businesses welcome well-designed transparency and PP regulations that create a level playing field
- ✓ Need for harmonization of approaches and jurisdictions to lessen the burden for business across the OSCE region
- ✓ Recruitment fees → vulnerability of workers
- ✓ Listen to the voice of workers, create grievance mechanisms
- ✓ Financial Institutions and Investors critical to CTHB

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7<sup>th</sup> Occasional Paper

### OSCE Special Representative says 'do the right thing' and take ethical approach to combating human trafficking

VIENNA - 4 November 2014



Ambassador Malina Jurekovic, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, speaking to the full High Level Alliance against Trafficking in Human Beings Conference on ethical work in preventing and combating human trafficking, a member of the OSCE Media Press & News Service.

VIENNA, 4 November 2014 – Ethical approaches in corporate codes of conduct, government procurement regulations and empowering workers are a key part of the strategic approach, modern-day slavery, said the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ambassador Malina Jurekovic, today at the opening of the High Level Alliance against Trafficking in Persons conference in Vienna.

"Ethics are the wellspring from which humanity begins to define what is fair and moral in human activity and more importantly, how we should treat each other," Jurekovic said.

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Alliance Conference "Ethical issues in Preventing and Combating Human Trafficking", Vienna, 4-5 November 2014