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Child trafficking: a fatality ?
From field reality to better practices.

Seminar from October 19th to 23rd 2004 Sion – Switzerland



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- the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) &
- Terre des hommes Foundation

Partners :

- Institut Universitaires Kurt Bösch (IUKB)
- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Dates : October 19th to 23rd 2004

Place : Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB), Sion/Switzerland

Fees :

- 300 CHF / 200 EUR for the five days (conferences & workshops)
- 170 CHF / 110 EUR for one day

Organisers :

- the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) &
- Terre des hommes Foundation (www.tdh.ch)

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Save the Children, Casa Alianza, CARITAS Beyrouth, Child Focus, Service Social International, etc...

Trafficking in children is a major violation of the rights of the child. The number of cases shows, as though that were necessary, that child trafficking is a world reality. All countries are concerned (not only those in Asia or Africa). Children are sold everywhere as cheap labour (agriculture, industry, catering). They are forced into prostitution or reduced to slavery as small domestic servants. Others again are used by various criminal networks specialised in theft, narcotics trafficking or organised begging. Certain marriages are arranged and forced and there is many a doubtful twist to international adoption.

Organised with the partnership of the Terre des hommes Foundation, who has the interesting model of international "stop child trafficking" awareness campaign (www.stopchildtrafficking.org), this seminar will be divided in three parts. The first part will define the traffic and give a general panorama by presenting geographically child trafficking, by speaking about the issue of traffic legislation and the "grey zones". The second part will focus on Migrant or Unaccompanied Minors Trafficking in Europe, on the issue of repatriation, on young women exported to receiving countries, on Civil State, Commercial Adoption, Maternity, Orphanages, Institutions and on organ trafficking. The last part will try to give issues/solutions to the different problems tackled the previous days including the coordination between the different actors, public and private, of fighting against child trafficking. There will also be workshops confronting theory and practice spread over two afternoons.

In order to have interesting exchanges during the seminar, basic documents on the theme have been placed on-line on the web site of the IDE www.childsrights.org under Forum – Seminar 2004. These documents will be regularly updated.





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Programme

- Course Director :** Mr Thierry Werts
King's Substitute Prosecutor, Brussels, Belgium
- Dates :** Tuesday, October 19th to
Saturday October 23rd 2004
- Location :** Institut Universitaire Kurt Bösch (IUKB)
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- Languages :** French and English with simultaneous translation
throughout the plenary sessions.

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PROGRAMME

Tuesday, October 19th, 2004

- 05:30 p.m. Registration and distribution of documents at the IUKB
- 06:00 p.m. Opening ceremony: Opening speech of Mr Jean-René Fournier, Canton Minister
Movie "Lilja 4-Ever" (109 min), introduced by **Ms Brigitte Polonovski Vauclair**,
Representative of the Coalition against the traffic on women and children, Geneva
- 08:00 p.m. Cocktail to welcome participants

Wednesday, October 20th, 2004

Session Chairperson: Mr Jean Zermatten

Part I: General Panorama

- 09:30 a.m. Opening speeches
Mr Jean Zermatten, Juvenile Judge, Director of the IDE, Sion
Mr Peter Brey, General Secretary of the Terre des Hommes Foundation and
Vice-president of the International Federation of Terre des Hommes
Ms Renate Winter, Member of the Appeals chamber of the Special Court of Sierra Leone
- 10:00 a.m. Definition of Trafficking **Ms Brigitte Polonovski Vauclair**, Representative
of the Coalition against the traffic on women
and children, Geneva
- 10:40 a.m. Building the knowledge:
Research on child trafficking **Mr Andrea Rossi**, Project Officer, Child
Trafficking Research Coordinator, UNICEF
Innocenti Research Centre, Florence
- 11:00 a.m. *Break*
- 11:20 a.m. Patterns of child trafficking around
the world: challenges in
distinguishing between trafficked
children, child workers and child migrants **Mr Mike Dottridge**, Human Rights Consultant,
London, UK
- 12:15 p.m. *Lunch*
- 01:45 p.m. Child trafficking: the challenges of
a national and international
repression **Mr Damien Vandermeersch**, Vice-President and
Examining Magistrate, Court of first instance, Brussels
Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain
- 02:15 p.m. The international campaign of Tdh:
lessons learned & future challenges **Mr Bernard Boeton**, Head of "Children Rights",
Terre des Hommes Foundation, Lausanne
- 03:00 p.m. Workshops

05:30 p.m. End of the day

08:00 p.m. "Valaisan" Evening

Thursday, October 21st, 2004

Session Chairperson: Mr Bernard Boeton

Part II: Issues

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| 09:00 a.m. | Unaccompanied Minors:
Disappearance and sexual
exploitation in Europe | Ms Heidi De Pauw , Manager Research &
Prevention, Child Focus, Belgium |
| 09:40 a.m. | Legal analysis of various concrete
cases | Ms Odile Belinga , Lawyer, Barrister
Membre of the Human Rights Commission of the Lyon
bar |
| 10:20 a.m. | Difficulties in tracing
the traffickers | Ms Lieve Pellens , Federal Magistrate, in charge of
the traffic in human beings, Belgium |
| 11:00 a.m. | <i>Break</i> | |
| 11:40 a.m. | Civil State, Commercial Adoption:
Maternity, Orphanages, Institutions | Ms Marlene Hoffstetter , in charge of adoption,
Terre des Hommes Foundation, Lausanne |
| 12:20 a.m. | Organ trafficking | Mr Bernard Boeton , Head of "Children Rights",
Terre des Hommes Foundation, Lausanne |
| 13:00 p.m. | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| 02:00 p.m. | Young women exported to
receiving countries | Ms Najla Tabet Chahda , CARITAS Beyrouth,
Lebanon |
| 02:45 p.m. | Positive Deviance approach to
trafficking prevention | Ms Titing Martini , Specialist, Save the Children
Indonesia |
| 03:15 p.m. | Sightseeing in Sion
or painting exhibition at the Fondation Gianadda: "St-Catherine Monastery
Masterpieces" | |
| 05:30 p.m. | End of the day | |

Friday, October 22nd, 2004

Session Chairperson: Mrs Paola Riva Gapany

Part III: The solutions?

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| 09:00 a.m. | Bilateral Conventions related to
Child trafficking | Ms Muireann O Briain , Representative of
ECPAT Europe Law Enforcement Group, Dublin |
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09:45 a.m.	Child, actor of his/her repatriation: Psychosocial aspects of exploitation and repatriation	Ms Archana Tamang , Coordinator Programme Regional Alliance Save the Children, South and Central Asia
10:30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
11h00 a.m.	Parliamentary Motion "Crime against the child, crime against humanity"	Mr Jean-Paul Glasson , Swiss Member of Parliament
11:20 to 13:00 p.m.	Implementation of good practices related to child trafficking tracking (panel)	
	Trafficking prevention: The example of Albania	Mr Vincent Tournecuillert , Delegate in Albania, Terre des Hommes Foundation
	The issue of repatriation	Mr Elkane Mooh , Regional Advisor, Save the Children Sweden, Dakar
	NGO Cooperation against Child trafficking	Ms Holta Kotherja , Attorney at Law, Director of the Legal Clinic for Minors, BKTF President, Albania
13:00 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
02:00 p.m.	Lessons learned in working with the media: two delegates share their experience	Mr Vincent Tournecuillert , Delegate in Albania, Terre des Hommes Foundation Mr Alfonso Gonzalez , Delegate in Benin, then in Moldova, Terre des Hommes Foundation
02:45 p.m.	Workshops	
05:15 p.m.	<i>Break</i>	
05:30 p.m.	Guiding Principle of UNICEF	Ms Kirsten Di Martino , Child Protection Officer, UNICEF Moldova
06:00 p.m.	Child Trafficking in Russia	Ms Maia Rusakova , Director NGO STELLIT

Saturday, October 23^d, 2004

Session Chairperson: Mr Vincent Tournecuillert

09:00 a.m.	Workshop Reports	Reporters
10:00 a.m.	Conclusion	Mr Thierry Werts , Course Director
10:30 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 a.m.	Questions of ethics around the notions of human person and human community in the fight against child trafficking	Mr Bruno-Marie Duffé , Doctor in philosophy, Chairman in philosophy politic and social ethics, Institute of Human Rights, Lyon, France
11:45 a.m.	Personal testimony	Ms Manuela Neagu , PARADA Association, France
12:15 p.m.	End of the seminar and announcement of the 2005 seminar	
12:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	

Workshops

Wednesday, October 20th, 2004 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

and

Friday, October 22th, 2004 – 2:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Workshop 1: Legal Aspect (national and international instruments, bilateral or multilateral conventions)

Towards a legal status of children victims of trafficking

- **Ms Muireann O Briain**, Representative of ECPAT Europe, Law Enforcement Group, Dublin, Ireland
- **Ms Renate Winter**, Member of the Appeals chamber of the Special Court of Sierra Leone
- **Ms Lieve Pellens**, Federal Magistrate, In charge of the traffic in human beings, Belgium

Workshop 2: Migration : the issue of unaccompanied minors

(prevention, asylum policy, supporting the return, micro credits...)

- **RAFY network : Ms Paola Riva Gapany**, IDE and **Mr Rolf Widmer**, Director of the International Social Service (ISS)
- **Ms Heidi De Pauw**, Manager Research & Prevention, Child Focus, Belgium

Workshop 3: Prevention : which lines, which practices?

- **Ms Najla Tabet Chahda**, CARITAS Beyrouth, Lebanon
- **Ms Titing Martini**, Trafficking Prevention Specialist, Save the Children Indonesia

Workshop 4: Children's Participation to proceedings affecting them

- **Ms Archana Tamang**, Save the Children, South and Central Asia
- **Mr Pierre Philippe**, Terre des Hommes Foundation, Lausanne

Workshop 5: Child Protection Procedures

- **Mr Vincent Tournecuillert**, Delegate in Albania, Terre des Hommes Foundation
- **Mr Mike Dottridge**, Human Rights Consultant, London, UK
- **Ms Kirsten Di Martino**, Child Protection Officer, UNICEF, Moldova