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Rep. Smith's Amendments to the Berlin Declaration 2002: Supplementary Item on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Especially Women and Children

Amendment 1 (Title)

Delete the title and replace with the following: "Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Especially Women and Children";

Amendment 2 (Paragraph 3)

Delete paragraph 2 and replace with the following: Deploring that trafficking in human beings, especially women and children, continues to expand throughout the OSCE region notwithstanding national, regional and international efforts to combat the phenomenon;

Amendment 3 (Paragraph 4)

Noting that the problem of trafficking in human beings is multidimensional in nature—affecting the security, economic, and human dimensions of the Helsinki process—and is of relevance throughout the OSCE region;

Amendment 4 (Paragraph 5)

Underlining that trafficking in human beings is a law enforcement issue and a human rights concern but is first and foremost a violation of human rights;

Amendment 5 (Paragraph 7)

Recalling that the 1991 Moscow Document, the 1999 Charter for European Security, the OSCE Ministerial Council Decision of November 2000, and the OSCE Ministerial Council Decision of December 2001 commit OSCE participating States to seek to end all forms of trafficking in human beings including through appropriate legislation and other measures;

Amendment 6 (Paragraph 8)

Aware that root causes of human trafficking, such as poverty, unemployment, inequality, patriarchal structures, discrimination, racism, violence, and the demand for cheap labor and commercial sexual services have to be addressed;

Amendment 7 (Paragraph 10)

Alarmed by the existence and prevalence of sex tourism aimed, in particular, at the sexual exploitation of children;

Amendment 8 (Paragraph 11)

Requiring that countries of destination for persons trafficked into sexual exploitation acknowledge their incontestable responsibility to address the demand for commercial sexual services;

Amendment 9 (Paragraph 12)

Deeply disturbed that nationals of OSCE participating States have been implicated in the trafficking of women and girls, and of soliciting the sexual services of trafficked persons, in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo while serving as part of the international presence in those areas;

Amendment 10 (Paragraph 14)

Regarding the SECI Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime and the Trafficking in Persons Task Forces established under the Southeastern European Cooperative Initiative's (SECI) auspices as a useful model for cross-border cooperation in law enforcement against trafficking in persons;

Amendment 11 (Paragraph 19)

Welcomes the proposal of the incoming OSCE Chair-in-Office to address the economic impact of trafficking in human beings, small arms, and illegal drugs at the OSCE Economic Forum in 2003;

Amendment 12 (Paragraph 22)

Calls on OSCE participating States to ensure that their laws contain the requisite jurisdiction to prosecute acts of trafficking in persons when those acts are committed abroad by their nationals;

Amendment 13 (Paragraph 23)

Calls on OSCE participating States to ensure that their laws contain the requisite jurisdiction to prosecute their nationals who travel abroad for the purpose of engaging in sexual acts with children;

Amendment 14 (Paragraph 27)

Encourages the OSCE participating States in Southeastern Europe to utilize fully the capability of the SECI Regional Center for Combating Transborder Crime in Bucharest, Romania, including by appointing without undue delay liaison officers from their police and customs services to serve at the SECI Center;

Amendment 15 (Paragraph 26)

Urges the OSCE, working with the international community and regional initiatives such as SECI and the Stability Pact, to prioritize the problems of organized crime, corruption, and trafficking in human beings, narcotics and arms that plague countries in Southeast Europe, and as a matter of urgency to increase coordination amongst themselves in order to more effectively fight these destabilizing realities.