

Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

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“Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims”

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PANEL 3 – Appropriate identification, protection, and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims Intervention (3 min.)

Ladies and gentlemen,

Germany aligns itself with the EU statement.

Trafficking in human beings is a gross violation of human rights that has severe long term consequences for the physical and psychological health of its victims. Therefore we need to take effective measures to prevent and tackle human trafficking and to protect and support its victims, including greater efforts to identify victims or potential victims of human trafficking.

Victims of trafficking need free, unconditional and confidential support, including measures to facilitate the realization of their rights to assistance, protection, effective access to justice, due process and compensation. Our efforts should fully and effectively include all relevant stakeholders and foster the cooperation between the police forces, civil society, policy makers and the private sector.

We need to address the special situation and vulnerability of women and girls by, inter alia, integrating a gender perspective into migration policies and strengthening national laws, institutions and programmes to combat gender-based violence, including trafficking and discrimination against women and girls.

Also, we need to address the particular vulnerabilities of children trafficked, especially unaccompanied children and those separated from their families, and promote non-discriminatory access to child protection in order to protect migrant children from all forms of child trafficking.

To mention one up to date example: In cooperation with ECPAT Germany, the German NGO network against trafficking in human beings (KOK) and the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth has developed a cooperation concept for a referral mechanism to protect and support minor victims of human trafficking and exploitation. The cooperation concept provides recommendations for cooperation between child welfare services, the police, specialized counselling centres and other actors in identifying and protecting victims of trafficking in children.

Thank you.