



Catalog of Demands



The *International Campaign against Child Trafficking* is directed world-wide towards decision-makers, multipliers, the responsible authorities of the Executive, the interested public and the children living under the threat of child trafficking. The campaign and its supporters have a common understanding of what is meant by child trafficking and which are adequate means to combat the phenomenon. They feel obliged to participate actively in the realization of these measures.

How does the campaign define child trafficking?

The International Campaign focuses on the combat of child trafficking, which – according to the *UN-Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP)* - shall mean:

"the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation".¹

Among other things, child trafficking is for the purpose of:

- exploitation through work (including slave labor and bonded labor);
- sexual exploitation (including prostitution and pornography);
- exploitation through illegal activities (including begging and drug trade);
- adoption trade;
- marital purposes;
- trading in organs.

The demands of the campaign

In order to ensure that children are effectively protected from becoming objects of child trafficking, the campaign asks:

1. Regarding the legal framework and law enforcement

1.1 all states to ratify, implement and respect the following international instruments :

- ◆ the 'UN Convention on the Rights of the Child';
- ◆ the 'ILO Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour' (ILO Convention 182);
- ◆ the 'Convention on the Protection of Children and Cooperation in the Field of Adoption Across Borders' (Hague Convention);



- ◆ the 'Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children' supplementing the 'United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime' of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) and
- ◆ the International Criminal Court Statute (ICC)ⁱⁱ
 - 1.2. to establish a special procedure dealing with child trafficking within the UN system.
 - 1.3. at a national level to prosecute effectively and penalise perpetrators without compromising the rights of the victims.

2. Regarding protection and rehabilitation

- 2.1 not to criminalise trafficked children for the illegality of their entry or residence in countries of transit and destination or for the activities they perform as a consequence of their status as trafficked persons. This includes the protection of the victims from potential imminent deportation.
- 2.2 to grant them protection and care and to provide with free legal and other assistance by the involved countries in the course of any criminal, civil or other actions against traffickers.
- 2.3 to entitle them to obtain a reasonable compensation for the injustice they have suffered and to be assisted for their reintegration.
- 2.4 to guarantee the voluntary and safe return of trafficked children, instead of forced repatriation.
- 2.5 to provide training for police and immigration officers, medical personnel and other law enforcement and judicial officials at all level.

3. Regarding inter-country and international cooperation

- 3.1 to promote bilateral or regional agreements for concerted action in tracing, repatriating and rehabilitating victims of cross-border trafficking and for prosecuting offenders and harmonising legislation.

4. Regarding prevention

- 4.1 to ensure lasting improvement of working conditions and living conditions of the people affected by child trafficking.
- 4.2 to establish data collection centres on trafficking in children at a national level and by INTERPOL to increase knowledge base,
- 4.3 to provide relevant information to groups at risk and to the public in general.

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ⁱ cf. 'Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children' supplementing the 'United Nations Convention against Transnational Crime' of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP).

ⁱⁱ The statute of the ICC provides that « *The trafficking of children (committed in a context of a widespread or a systematic attack direct against a civilian population) must be considered a crime against humanity which states have a duty to prevent and punish* ».