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## **URGENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CAMPAIGN “FINAL WHISTLE – STOP FORCED PROSTITUTION“**

The motto of the 2006 Football World Cup is “A time to make friends“. We in the host country Germany are hoping to enjoy exciting and fair competition, and looking forward to welcoming old and new friends from abroad.

At the World Cup, as with similar large-scale events, there will be an increased demand for sex services. Women's and human rights organisations fear that there will be an increase in human trafficking as well, for the purpose of sexual exploitation (forced prostitution). Human trafficking and forced prostitution are major violations of human rights. Those affected, especially women, suffer physical and psychological violence.

The campaign “Final Whistle – Stop Forced Prostitution“ is using the World Cup as a stage to increase public awareness of this problem. This campaign is not opposed to legal prostitution. In fact, existing rights for prostitutes need to be expanded in order to improve working conditions, to ensure that services are voluntary and independent, and to combat social stigma. We have to make sure that the human rights of prostitutes are upheld, and that prostitutes themselves are treated with respect by society at large and by their clients in particular.

Respectful treatment of prostitutes, however, must be combined with resolute measures taken against forced prostitution.

## **WE THEREFORE URGENTLY RECOMMEND THAT THE GERMAN FEDERAL AND STATE ADMINISTRATIONS DO THE FOLLOWING:**

### **I. FOR THE COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN**

- Provide economic assistance that specifically promotes economic independence for women.
- Provide sustained support to local human rights groups and civil society in order to ensure that the following measures are implemented.
- Promote local counselling and aid projects, and ensure stable coordination among these groups.
- Help establish counselling centres and shelters for women and girls affected by sexual violence and human trafficking, especially in wartorn and crisis regions.
- Establish and/or support awareness and response strategies among national and international police and criminal investigation units in these countries.
- Ensure widespread availability of reliable information about safe and legal immigration options, as well as about methods used by human traffickers.

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## II. FOR THE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED PROSTITUTION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

■ Provide residence permits for a minimum of three months. Victims need this period to decide whether they are willing to serve as witnesses in legal proceedings. This period is also needed for stabilization and physical/psychological recovery.

This residence status must contain the following elements:

- It must exclude premature deportation, while ensuring sensitive treatment of potential victims, providing comprehensive information about their rights in Germany, and arranging for support from specialised counselling centres.
  - It must ensure subsistence and suitable accommodation as well as access to job training and the labour market.
  - It must provide medical treatment and comprehensive therapy options.
  - It must include the right to free legal counsel.
- For those who testify in legal proceedings, residency should be assured regardless of the outcome of these proceedings.
- The relevant government agencies must thoroughly investigate each individual case before deciding on the type of residence permit. Their recommendations must take into account all possible threats and dangers to the affected persons.
- Establish binding cooperative agreements between counselling centres and police authorities in all German states.
- Provide sustained financial support for these counselling centres as well as the relevant coordinating bodies, such as the Germany-wide Koordinierungskreis gegen Frauenhandel und Gewalt an Frauen im Migrationsprozess e.V. (KOK).

## III. FOR THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES

- Ensure that the problem of human trafficking/forced prostitution is a mandatory part of general education and further training programs. The objective is to make police officers and the staff of social services departments, immigration offices, and youth agencies aware of the problem in their treatment of those affected.
- Establish a sufficient number of special police units staffed by qualified personnel.
- Strengthen national and international cooperation in combating human trafficking.
- Establish and/or expand specialised public prosecutors' offices.
- Enhance awareness on the part of judges by providing targeted information and further educational programs.

**The following organisations support these recommendations:**

amnesty international Germany – Germany-wide committee of municipal offices for gender equality and women's issues – Union of the German Investigative Police (bdk) – German Union of Sex Workers (BSD) – National Association against Trafficking in Women and Violence against Migrant Women (KOK) – National Council of German Women's Organizations – German Association of Trade Unions (DGB) – Federal Association of Women's Counselling Programmes and Rape Crisis Centres, Women Against Violence – Men against Violence by Men – Men's Work of the Protestant Church in Germany – Medica mondiale – Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women, German Section (ÖFCFE)

