



**OFFICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**



**2005/29. Report of the Working Group on Contemporary
Forms of Slavery**

The Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,

Recalling its resolution 2004/19 of 12 August 2004,

Taking note of the report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its thirtieth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/34) and in particular the recommendations contained in chapter V,

Recalling that the priority theme of the thirtieth session was the review and assessment of the activities of the Working Group since its establishment,

Emphasizing that the sessions of the Working Group provide a unique platform for non-governmental organizations and victims of slavery and slavery-like practices to appear before an international forum, and acknowledging the value of their contributions to international awareness of and debate about slavery-related issues,

1. *Recommends* that States ratify treaties on slavery-related issues, such as the Slavery Conventions of 1926, the Supplementary Convention on the Abolition of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to Slavery of 1956, the Convention on the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949, the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (No. 29), the Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957 (No. 105), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182) of the International Labour Organization, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families;

2. *Invites* States to provide information to the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery concerning the implementation of the human rights standards enshrined in the Slavery Conventions of 1926 and 1956 and the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others of 1949;

3. *Recommends* that the human rights treaty bodies and other bodies established under the auspices of specialized agencies duly take into account the obligations under the conventions on slavery in discharging their respective mandates;

4. *Requests* Ibrahim Salama to draft a working paper examining the feasibility of a study on the human rights dimension of prostitution, taking into account the latest developments in this matter;

5. *Notes* the decision of the Working Group that priority thematic issues to be addressed at upcoming sessions of the Working Group include trafficking in persons, the exploitation of prostitution, forced labour, the exploitation of domestic workers, forced marriage and domestic violence;

6. *Also notes* the decision of the Working Group to select as the thematic focus for the thirty-first session the human rights dimensions of prostitution, and the need to strengthen international cooperation to suppress international transfers of profits from the exploitation of the prostitution of others and trafficking in persons;

7. *Welcomes* the decision of the Working Group to recall the recommendations adopted at previous sessions and to draw attention, in particular, to the substantive conclusions and recommendations concerning trafficking in persons and all forms of sexual exploitation, elimination of forced labour, migrant workers and domestic migrant workers, and protection of children against all forms of exploitation;

8. *Welcomes* the participation of the International Labour Organization in the thirtieth session of the Working Group and decides to continue to invite Governments, international organizations, national institutions and non-governmental organizations that have information relating to the agenda of the Working Group to assist the Working Group by providing it with relevant information, preferably in advance of the session;

9. *Requests* the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to bring the present resolution to the attention of States, international organizations and national human rights institutions, with a request that they forward relevant information to the Office for the attention of the Working Group.

20th meeting

11 August 2005

[Adopted without a vote.]

See E/CN.4/2006/2, E/CN.4/Sub.2/2005/44, chap. VIII.]