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United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Executive summary

The present addendum contains the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery at its eighth session, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 January 2003, which were approved by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General on 3 February 2003 concerning: the financial status of the Fund; the review by the Board of the reports by beneficiaries on previous grants paid from 1999 to 2002; new travel and project grants for 2003; and the Board's needs assessment for 2004. It updates the reports of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-ninth session (E/CN.4/2003/83) and to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session (A/57/308).

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I. FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE FUND

1. According to information received from the Programme Planning and Budget Section of the United Nations Office at Geneva, US\$ 153,000 was available from new contributions paid since the seventh session of the Board of Trustees (see annex I) at the beginning of the eighth session. The Board had been informed by the United Nations Treasurer that, in addition, contributions were paid to the Fund by Israel, Saudi Arabia, students of the Archway School (Gloucester, United Kingdom), students and teachers of Scelem (Italy) and Mr. Sandro Spinelli (Italy). A total amount of US\$ 186,000 was therefore available from new contributions at the end of the session.

II. EIGHTH SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2. During the 10 meetings of its eighth session held in Geneva from 20 to 24 January 2003, the Board of Trustees examined information concerning: (a) the financial status of the Fund, including new contributions received (see annex I); (b) narrative and financial reports on the use of previous grants paid from 1999 to 2002; (c) applications for new travel and project grants in 2003; and (d) the implementation of recommendations approved in 2002. The Board met with representatives of donor and other interested Governments; the Chief of the Forced Labour and Child Labour Section, Department of International Labour Standards, at the International Labour Organization; and staff members of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) working on relevant activities. The Board also met with the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bertrand Ramcharan, and the Chief of the Support Services Branch, Ms. Maria Francisca Ize-Charrin.

Review of reports on previous project grants

3. The Board reviewed the narrative and financial reports received on the use of travel and project grants paid in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

Review of the relevant guidelines on travel grants

4. The Board recommended that should a victim, beneficiary of a travel grant, be accompanied by a project leader, the latter be requested to give priority to the testimony of the victim, as recommended by the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery. The Board recommended that, for security reasons, the beneficiaries of travel grants who are former victims should be asked, in advance, if they would prefer to be referred to by surnames in the reports on the Fund.

5. In order to further disseminate information on the possibility for victims to apply for travel grants, the Board recommended that the information note on the Fund, the application forms, the selection criteria and the guidelines of the Fund be made available at the annual session of the Working Group as conference room papers.

6. The Board underlined that it always takes into consideration the gender dimension, when considering applications for travel grants and revising the application forms and the guidelines of the Board.

7. Upon consultation with OHCHR Administration, the Board took into consideration the increase in the cost of living in Geneva in the DSA (daily subsistence allowance) and therefore recommended to also increase the stipend for beneficiaries of travel grants from 150 to 175 Swiss francs.

Recommendations for travel and project grants

8. The Board examined 37 admissible applications for travel grants amounting to about US\$ 85,800 and 55 admissible applications for project grants amounting to approximately US\$ 745,000 (see charts 1 and 2 in annex II).

9. The project and travel grants, recommended at the eighth session, will assist non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in 24 countries in Africa, America, Asia and Europe. In accordance with the mandate of the Fund, the Board's recommendations focused on assisting representatives of NGOs from different regions, dealing with issues of contemporary forms of slavery, to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, as well as on extending, through established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery.

10. When making recommendations for new travel grants, the Board took into consideration that the main theme approved by the Working Group for its twenty-eighth session, scheduled to take place from 16 to 20 June 2003, is "contemporary forms of slavery related to and generated by discrimination, in particular gender discrimination (such as forced marriage, child marriage, sale of wives)".

11. The Board recommended that US\$ 21,995 (25.63 per cent of the total amount requested) be allocated to eight travel grants (see annex III, sect. A). Provided that all conditions attached to the grants have been met, all travel grants should be paid before the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group.

12. The Board also recommended that US\$ 101,420 be allocated to 17 project grants in a priority list (see annex III, sect. B) and US\$ 29,500 for 11 projects in a second priority list (*ibid.*, sect. C). The Board therefore recommended 28 project grants for a total of US\$ 152,915.

13. In accordance with United Nations rules and regulations governing general trust funds for humanitarian assistance, 13 per cent of the estimated annual expenditures in 2003 had to be set aside for programme support costs related to the servicing of the Fund and 15 per cent of estimated annual expenditures also had to be set aside as a reserve for 2004, in case no new contributions would be received.

Cooperation with the Working Group

14. The Board recommended that travel costs be authorized to enable the Chairperson or another member of the Board of Trustees to participate in the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group, to be held from 16 to 20 June 2003 in Geneva, to introduce the report on the Fund under the relevant agenda item, to meet the beneficiaries of travel grants of the Fund attending the session and introduce them to the Working Group, and to inform the Working Group about the project grants approved and the financial situation of the Fund.

15. The Board recommended that the secretariat of the Working Group continue to inform the Board about priority areas that the Working Group will identify, so that the Board could take them into consideration in its selection of applications for travel grants.

Recommendations of the Board for the intersessional period

16. The Board recommended that provisions be made in the Fund's cost plan for 2004, within proper limits, to enable members of the Board in their geographical region and the secretariat of the Fund to visit projects subsidized by the Fund in order to better evaluate the work carried out and planned. A report on any such visit should be prepared by the Board or a secretariat member for consideration by the Board at its next session.

17. The Board recommended that a fact sheet on the activities of the Fund be prepared by OHCHR for information purposes, in a sufficient number of copies for wide dissemination. The Board also recommended that the Office's Fact Sheet No. 14 on contemporary forms of slavery should be revised to include, inter alia, references to the activities of the Fund and the Board. The Board also recommended to its secretariat to prepare a leaflet or brochure for fund-raising and information purposes on the model of the one prepared on the Fund for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. The Board would appreciate if the brochure could be ready by or before 2 December 2003 so that the same could be used for creating awareness on the occasion of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.

18. The Board continued to consider issues of contemporary forms of slavery, taking into consideration the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted at the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. The Board underlined that when adopting recommendations for grants it had always taken into consideration, among other violations of human rights, the fact that victims of contemporary forms of slavery were often victims of racial discrimination.

19. The Board recommended that a non-discrimination clause be included among the guidelines of the Fund and in the application forms, mentioning that organizations applying to the Fund should demonstrate that assistance is provided to victims and their family members without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

20. The Board recommended that it issue a statement on the occasion of the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, appealing for new contributions to the Fund, if possible together with relevant United Nations organs and other partners such as schools.

21. In view of the additional workload caused by the increase in the number of applications received and to be analysed, the Board recommended that additional professional and general service staff and facilities be provided for its secretariat, in order for the Fund and Board to be adequately serviced.

III. NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE NINTH SESSION

22. Applications for grants received in 2003 amounted to approximately US\$ 831,000. The Board was only able to recommend about US\$ 175,000 (less than 20 per cent of the total amount requested). In the Board's view, in order to be able to satisfy the new applications envisaged for 2004 and fulfil its mandate satisfactorily, and taking also into consideration that the Board recommended for expenditure almost all money available at its eighth session, the Fund would need new contributions amounting to at least US\$ 300,000 before the ninth session of the Board, scheduled to be held from 19 to 23 January 2004.

IV. FUND-RAISING

23. The Board held its annual meeting with regular and new donor Governments and other interested Governments on 24 January. The level of participation was encouraging and frank. High-level exchanges took place. The representative of Japan informed the Board about a pledge for 2003 (see annex I), which was about to be paid.

24. The Board very much appreciated the fact that more and more school students, NGOs and other private entities and individuals are becoming regular donors to the Fund.

25. The Board also very much appreciated that the High Commissioner for Human Rights had expressed his willingness to support the Board in its fund-raising mandate.

V. NINTH SESSION

26. The Board recommended that its next session be held, if possible, from 19 to 23 January 2004 at the Palais Wilson in Geneva.

VI. HOW TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND

27. Voluntary contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery may be made:

(a) By bank transfer to the "United Nations Geneva General Fund":

(i) In United States dollars:

c/o UBS AG, P.O. Box 2770, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland
Account number: 240-C0590160.1, Swift address: UBSWCHZH12A

(ii) In other currencies:

c/o UBS AG, P.O. Box 2770, CH-1211 Geneva 2, Switzerland
Account number: 240-C0590160.0, Swift address: UBSWCHZH12A.

(b) By cheque, to the order of the "United Nations": to be addressed to
The Treasurer, United Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva, Palais des Nations,
CH-1211 Geneva, 10 Switzerland.

28. Donors should indicate "For the Slavery Fund, account SH" on any payment order.

29. To enable the secretariat to follow up and inform the Board of Trustees, the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights, the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and the Working Group, donors wishing to make a voluntary contribution to the Fund are invited to inform its secretariat of their payment at: Secretariat of the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Trust Funds Unit, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10 Switzerland, Telephone: + (41) (22) 917 91 64, + (41) (22) 917 92 66, Facsimile: + (41) (22) 917 90 17.

VII. RECOMMENDATIONS

30. All the above reflects the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees at its eighth session and approved by the High Commissioner on behalf of the Secretary-General on 3 February 2003.

ANNEXES

Annex I

(a) **Contributions available at the eighth session of the Board of Trustees^a**

State	For the year	Amount in US\$	Local currency	Paid on	Contribution No.
Brazil	2003	10 000		28.10.2002	4
Cyprus	2003	4 000		06.08.2002	3
France	2002	34 778		21.03.2002	4
Holy See	2003	1 000		22.10.2002	4
Israel	2003	5 000		30.12.2002	1
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2002	5 000		06.02.2002	1
Netherlands	2003	87 870	€90 000	20.10.2002	4
Qatar	2002	10 000		10.04.2002	1
Saudi Arabia		20 000		05.02.2003 ^b	1
NGOs, other private or public entities, individuals					
Aichi International Connecting Conference For Human Rights, Japan		212	Sw F 344	07.05.2002	1
Association of Humanitarian Lawyers (Ms. Karen Parker, USA)		500		15.02.2002	2
Students of the Istituto Tecnico Commerciale Statale Oscar Romero, Albino, Italy		577		10.05.2002	7
		1 109		18.12.2002	8
Students and teachers of Scelem, Italia		525	Sw F 729	22.01.2003	1
Japan Lawyers International Solidarity Association, Japan		173	Sw F 281	07.05.2002	1
Nagasaki Case, Japan		75	Sw F 111	23.08.2002	1
Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights (Tokyo), Japan		267	Sw F 432	07.05.2002	2
Mr. Yorio Shiokawa (Tokyo), Japan		185	Sw F 300	07.05.2002	5
		397	Sw F 587	23.08.2002	6
Mr. Sandro Spinelli		158	Sw F 220	21.01.2003	1
HVAC Systems Technology Inc. (Mr. David Solberg, President), Minneapolis, USA		125		14.01.2002	1
Students and teachers of the Archway School, Gloucester, United Kingdom		4 098	£2 500	26.06.2002	2
Total:			US\$ 186 049		

(b) **Pledges made**

States	For the year	Amount in US\$	Local currency	Pledged on
Japan ^c	2003	36 000		29.01.2003
Netherlands	2004		€45 000	03.05.2002

^a Based on information available at OHCHR/GE as at 17 January 2003.

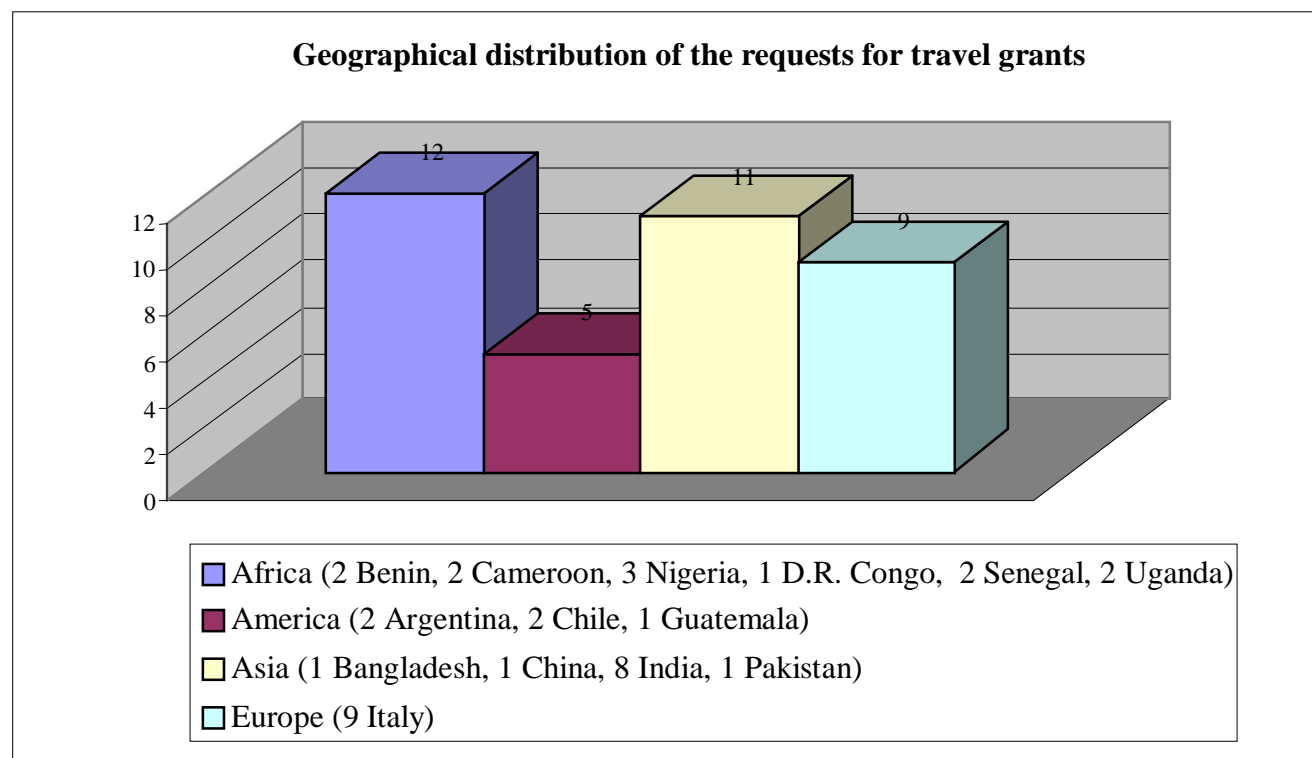
^b A cheque was received during the eighth session and forwarded to the United Nations Treasurer at United Nations Office at Geneva. The contribution was officially registered on 5 February 2003. The Board decided to take it into consideration in its recommendations for grants.

^c Pledge made by the representative of Japan at the meeting of the Board with donors during the eighth session, on 24 January 2003. The Board decided to take it into consideration in its recommendations for grants.

Annex II

(a) **Applications for travel grants to attend the twenty-eighth session of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery**

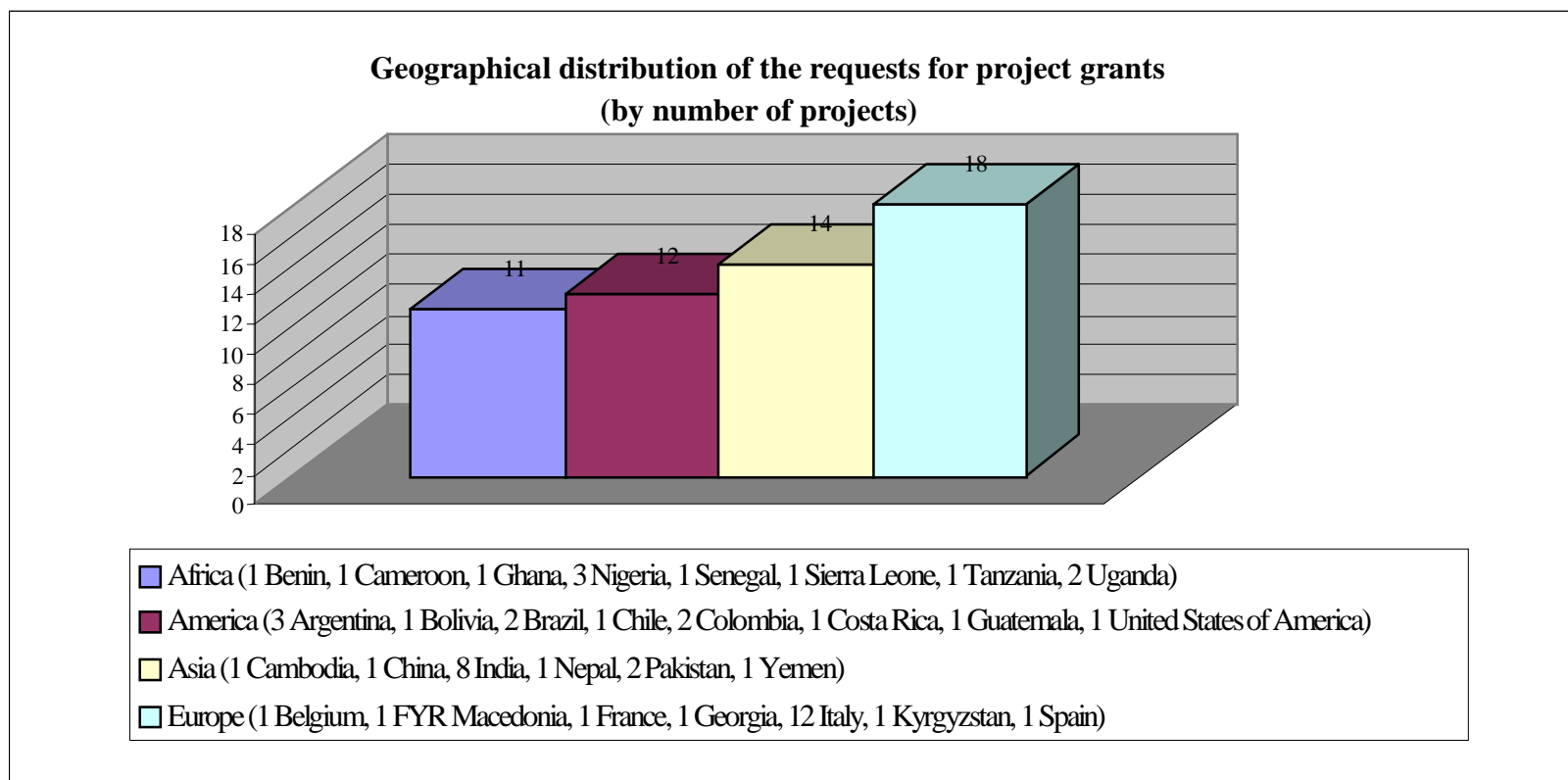
(16-20 June 2003)



Total applications for travel grants: **37** (24 female and 13 male)

Total amount requested: approximately **US\$ 85,800**

(b) Applications for new project grants



Total applications for project grants: **55** (42 list A and 13 list B)

Total amount requested: approximately **US\$ 743,990**

Annex III

(a) Travel grants recommended at the eighth session

ORGANIZATION, COUNTRY	NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	THEME TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE WORKING GROUP (16 to 20 June 2003) CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE GRANTS
Tomorrow Children ONG, <i>Benin</i>	Micheline Aklo (f) ^a	Theme: The beneficiary will relate her experience as a trafficked person.
African Network for Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) - <i>Cameroon</i> Chapter	Modi Maimounatou (f)	Theme: The beneficiary will relate her experience of early marriage.
Centro de Docente Jubilados y Pensionados Santiago del Estero "Carmen Palumbo de Leguizamón", <i>Argentina</i>	Fabiana Voget (f)	Theme: Child labour; exploitation of minors.
End Sexual Exploitation of Children (ECPAT), <i>Guatemala</i>	Maria E. Villarreal (f)	Theme: Trafficking of children.
The Committee of Propaganda and Education on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, <i>China</i>	Fuyong Jiao (m)	Theme: Presentation of a clinical study of 86 sexually abused children. Conditions: The grant should be kept pending until receipt of additional requested information by the Board.
All India Women's Conference, <i>India</i>	Yadav Shashi (f)	Theme: Gender discrimination and forced child marriage.
All Pakistan Women's Association, <i>Pakistan</i>	Anita Sattar Silat (f)	Theme: Combating discrimination: criminalization of extramarital sex, including adultery.
Associations for the promotion and the defence of children ERYTHROS, <i>Italy</i>	Beza Belaineh Gebre (f)	Theme: Sexual exploitation: support and assistance to and protection of victims of trafficking.
8 TRAVEL GRANTS FOR A TOTAL OF US\$ 21 995^b		

^a (f) Means a female and (m) a male applicant.^b Beneficiaries are entitled to a round trip air plane ticket and US\$ 175 of stipend per day of attendance and two extra days for travel.

(b) Project grants recommended at the eighth session**(First priority list)**

ORGANIZATION, COUNTRY	TITLE OF PROJECT OR ASPECT COVERED	GRANT RECOMMENDED IN US\$
AFRICA		
Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l'homme (RADDHO) <i>Senegal</i>	Assistance to victims of domestic exploitation.	15 000
Kiota Women's Health and Development Organization (KIWOHEDE), <i>United Republic of Tanzania</i>	Penetrating the world of child abuse and violence: assistance to girl victims of sexual abuse and trafficking.	11 000
Kabagahi Trinity Association, <i>Uganda</i>	Direct support to sexually exploited women.	6 420
AMERICA		
Centro de docentes jubilados y pensionados Santiago del Estero "Carmen Palumbo de Leguizamón", <i>Argentina</i>	Elimination of child labour and reinsertion into school.	7 500
Parroquia Santísima Trinidad, de la Diócesis de "El Alto", <i>Bolivia</i>	Educational centre to prevent and stop child labour.	7 500
Casa do Pobre de Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, <i>Brazil</i>	"Semear"- (assistance to sexually abused children).	2 000
Programa clubes juveniles Moani, Departamento de Pastoral Obrera, Arzobispado de la Santísima Concepción, <i>Chile</i>	Eradication of labour exploitation of children: assistance to child labourers.	2 000
Orden de Religiosas Adoratrices de Colombia, <i>Colombia</i>	Prevention and accompaniment of women victims of prostitution and their families.	2 500
Les Trois Quarts du Monde, <i>Guatemala</i>	Support to shelter, education, training and rehabilitation of street girls.	7 500
ASIA		
Protection and provision of juvenile justice (PPJJ), <i>Cambodia</i>	Judicial enforcement and rehabilitation for juveniles: assistance to child victims of exploitation.	4 000
Mahila Rural Development Youth Society, <i>India</i>	Awareness and action against child labour.	3 000
All India's Women Conference, <i>India</i>	"Asmita" (Women's Dignity); - assistance to women victims of contemporary forms of slavery	3 500
Informal Sector Service Center (INSEC), <i>Nepal</i>	Ex-Kamaiya reliving programme in Bardiya	11 000
Association of network for community empowerment (ANCE), <i>Pakistan</i>	Education and health programme for brick kiln workers (child labour).	6 000
EUROPE		
Macedonian Non-Governmental Organization of Policewomen, <i>The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia</i>	Assistance to children abused in the streets.	5 000
Agir pour les femmes en situation précaire (AFESIP), <i>France</i>	Fight against domestic slavery and assistance to victims.	5 000
The Human Rights Information and Documentation Center (HRIDC), <i>Georgia</i>	Activities against trafficking.	2 500
17 Projects		
Total = US\$ 101 420		

(c) **Project grants recommended at the eighth session****(Second Priority List)**

ORGANIZATION, COUNTRY	TITLE OF PROJECT OR ASPECT COVERED	GRANT RECOMMENDED IN US\$
AFRICA		
Consulting Centre for Constitutional Right and Justice (C3RJ), <i>Nigeria</i>	Direct humanitarian, legal and financial assistance to victims of contemporary forms of slavery and their families.	6 000
AMERICA		
Instituto de religiosas adoratrices del Santísimo Sacramento y de la Caridad, <i>Argentina</i>	Assistance to girls and women victims of sexual exploitation.	2 000
ASIA		
Social and Economic Assistance for Rural and City Habitant (SEARCH), <i>India</i>	Empowerment programmes for Dalit women and children against sexual exploitation.	2 500
Vedika, <i>India</i>	Bonded labour, child labour and trafficking.	3 000
International organization of the Moral Youth, <i>India</i>	Awareness-building on the issue of child marriage.	1 000
EUROPE		
Churches' commission for Migrants in Europe, <i>Belgium</i>	Networking against trafficking in women (workshops for professionals).	2 000
Movimento Laici América Latina, <i>Italy</i>	Awareness-raising campaign against contemporary forms of slavery.	2 000
Compagni di Strada, <i>Italy</i>	"Aleida 2": assistance to women and girls forced to prostitution.	1 000
Women Support Centre, <i>Kyrgyzstan</i>	Counter-trafficking activities: information and awareness-raising campaign and hotline.	2 000
Adoratrices proyecto esperanza, <i>Spain</i>	Comprehensive assistance to women victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.	1 000
11 Projects		
TOTAL = US\$ 29 500		
