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**Review of the implementation of the United Nations
Convention against Transnational Organized Crime
and the Protocols thereto: Protocol to Prevent,
Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons,
Especially Women and Children**

Report on the meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held in Vienna from 6 to 8 November 2013

Note by the Secretariat

1. In its decision 4/4, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime acknowledged that the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the Convention, was the principal legally binding global instrument to combat trafficking in persons. The Conference also decided to establish an open-ended interim working group on trafficking in persons. The previous meetings of the Working Group were held on 14 and 15 April 2009, from 27 to 29 January 2010, on 19 October 2010 and from 10 to 12 October 2011.
2. In its resolution 6/1 on ensuring effective implementation of the Organized Crime Convention and its Protocols, the Conference decided that the mandates for the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons should be continued and that its areas for future work should reflect, as appropriate, the recommendations contained in the report of the Working Group on its previous meeting.¹
3. In the same resolution, the Conference also welcomed the substantive debate and activities carried out by the Working Group and underlined its contribution to facilitating the full implementation of the Trafficking in Persons Protocol.
4. The Working Group on Trafficking in Persons held its fifth meeting from 6 to 8 November 2013. In accordance with the decision of the extended Bureau of the

* CTOC/COP/2014/1.

¹ CTOC/COP/WG.4/2011/8, paras. 46-51.



Conference of 12 December 2013, the report on the fifth meeting of the Working Group on Trafficking in Persons (CTOC/COP/WG.4/2013/5) will be made available to the Conference at its seventh session.
