Ukraine is a source, transit, and increasingly destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking. Ukrainian victims are subjected to trafficking in Russia, Poland, Turkey, Italy, Austria, Spain, Germany, Portugal, the Czech Republic, the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, Israel, Greece, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Ireland, Lebanon, Benin, Tunisia, Cyprus, Aruba, Equatorial Guinea, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Serbia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Moldova, Slovakia, Syria, Switzerland, the United States, Canada, and Belarus. Women continued to be forced into prostitution or subjected to domestic servitude or forced labor in service industries and textile or light manufacturing sectors. The majority of Ukrainian male labor trafficking victims were subjected to forced labor in Russia, but also in other countries, primarily as construction laborers, factory and agricultural workers, or sailors. Children were most often forced into prostitution or forced to beg. The number of Ukrainian victims subjected to forced labor and forced prostitution within the country continued to increase. Homeless children or children in orphanages continued to be particularly vulnerable to trafficking in Ukraine. Men, women, and children from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Moldova, Uzbekistan, the Czech Republic, and Pakistan are subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking in Ukraine.

The Government of Ukraine does not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, it is making significant efforts to do so. During the reporting period, a higher proportion of trafficking offenders were sentenced to time in prison compared with last year and prosecutors continued appealing low sentences given to trafficking offenders. The government also increased the number of victims identified and referred to NGOs for assistance. However, the government did not take sufficient steps to investigate, prosecute, and convict government officials complicit in human trafficking crimes and did not develop and implement a national victim referral mechanism.
Ms. Mariana Katzarova, Senior Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.


7. **Відродження нації. (Revival of the Nation)**
   contact: Zorianna Filuk (VN) Zorianka.f@gmail.com
   - co-operation with HUHTC-ATI (Приїдіті дітей – Проект Захист) Continued educational support and awareness raising about human trafficking prevention in orphanages and youth in Ternopil area.
   - HUHTC-ATI funded a project in spring 2011 (Ініціатива з протидії торгівлі людьми – креативні лабораторії)
   - proposal and budget received for permanent inclusion in school curriculum-approved by Ternopil school board-will seek funding to support this program.

8. **MANNA-New organization contact**
   - shared educational information for inclusion in their programs in Ukraine (already active in the U.S.)
   From their site:
   “Our model in Ukraine takes a whole life approach. A three-tiered model has been developed to nurture children in a Christian family environment, preparing them to be world changers. Support and training at the institutional level (Komarivka, Kanev orphanages), rescue and prevention after graduation (SMILE HOUSE) and preparation for independent living (SAFE HAVEN) are all part of a comprehensive plan to give opportunities that otherwise would not exist. This eliminates the possibility of traffickers gaining access to these young people.”

9. **Whistleblower- Larysa Kondracki’s film on Human Trafficking**
   - assisted with advertising the film showings and UN Panel [http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html](http://www.unmultimedia.org/tv/webcast/index.html) with contacts across Canada and internationally

10. **Брали участь у конференції:**
    **Display at Miss Canada cross country tour to battle human trafficking- Ignite the Road to Justice - Ontario location**
    The team partnered with key anti-human trafficking groups in each community to hold events that provided opportunities to educate and stimulate participation to fight human trafficking. (Miss Tara Teng-Miss Canada 2011 )

11. **Joined Coalition for Ontario Anti-human Trafficking Task Force**
    **October 2011**
    [www.allianceagainstmodernslavery.org](http://www.allianceagainstmodernslavery.org)
    **(based at York University)**
    - contacts: Ann Baka
      annbaka@allianceagainstmodernslavery.com
    - diverse, non-partisan, non-denominational partnership, including government officials, survivors, experiential workers, NGO’s, researchers, activists, law enforcement personnel and members of the general public.

12. **One Perogy at a Time- documentary by Larissa Malarek about Klen Safehouse**
    **(organization NASHI for victims of human trafficking)**
    - attended premier showing at Toronto Ukrainian Festival-possible fundraiser in the new year.

13. **Support of Canadian MP Joy Smiths Parliamentary Bills and petitions about criminal code changes regarding prosecution of human trafficking in Canada and abroad.**

Dear Mrs. Smith,

“...The amendments to Bill C-310 proposed by Member of Parliament Joy Smith are critical to the headway
of combating human trafficking at both national and international levels. Bringing clarity to the definition of Exploitation will close the gaps that have allowed offenders to continuously sidestep the justice system and elude punishment for some of the most atrocious crimes known to mankind. At an international level, we as Canadians aspire to be respectable and virtuous global citizens which demands that we recognize and hold accountable those Canadians that disrupt the laws and ethics of our nation within or outside its borders, especially for acts of such monstrosity as human trafficking and exploitation."

Irena Soltys
Ukrainian World Congress Taskforce to Stop Human Trafficking

Help Us Help The Children Anti-Trafficking Initiative (HUHTC-ATI) (a project of Children of Chornobyl Canadian Fund)

– list of bills on Joy Smith’s site:  
  – UWC Taskforce to Stop Human Trafficking inclusion in NGO section

14. NASHI- support of Klen Safehouse (near Lviv)- contact Savelia Curniski  
   http://www.nashi.ca/home.html

15. Attendance at WFUWO human trafficking awareness event at City Hall  
   – contact with Liubov Maksymowycz., Women’s Perspectives, MP Joy Smith, Alice Propper, sociology professor York University.

16. Enslavement and Liberation of Oksana G (opera) - article in Novyj Shliakh  
   – submitted article on HT to accompany review of opera  

17. Буклет Робота за кордоном  
   – Found volunteers to begin update help hotline phone numbers and data. Project in progress and needs further volunteers to complete

18. Поширили інформацію про демонстрації проти поширення торгівлі людьми під час Євро-2012.


Дякуємо за співпрацю,

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