CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE

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Kyiv

On approving the State Programme

on Combating Trafficking in Human Being

for the period until 2010

With a view to ensure conditions aimed at combating trafficking in human beings and trafficking-related criminal activities, the Cabinet of Ministers orders the following:

1. To approve the State Programme on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the period until 2010 (hereafter referred to as the Programme), which is enclosed.

2. The Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, as well as other relevant central bodies of executive power, shall allocate funds, on annual basis, for the implementation of the Programme within the expenditures assigned to them during the drafting of the state budget for the relevant year, and shall take measures aiming to attract funds for this from other sources.

3. While drafting local budgets for a respective year, the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast state administrations as well as Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations shall allocate funds for the implementation of the Programme.

4. Central bodies of executive power responsible for the implementation of the Programme, the Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast state administrations as well as Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations shall provide information to the Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, once in six months - before the 20th of the month following the reporting period, about the progress in the implementation of the tasks identified by the Programme.

Before 1 March every year, the Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports shall provide the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with generalized information about progress in the implementation of the Programme.

Prime Minister of Ukraine

V. Yanukovych

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APPROVED

by the decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine dated by 7 March 2007,

# 410

STATE PROGRAMME

of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

for the period until 2010

General Part

One of the problems Ukraine as well as the world community faces today is trafficking in human beings.
Despite certain measures taken with a view to combat trafficking in human beings, the problem still remains critical.

This negative phenomenon can take various forms – from the abduction of people to their sale by means of deception, blackmail or by using their vulnerable condition. Victims of human trafficking are used in forced labour, in porno business, as donors for the transplantation of tissues and organs, etc.

The existing situation requires consolidation of efforts by central and local bodies of executive power and bodies of local administration as well as international and non-governmental organizations.

**The Goal and Major Aims of the Programme**

The goal of the Programme is to create conditions for combating human trafficking and trafficking-related criminal activities, to enhance the efficiency of work aimed at the identification of such crimes and persons committing such crimes, and to resolve problems related to reintegration of victims of trafficking in human beings.

The main tasks of the Programme are:

To improve the mechanism of normative and legislative regulations of the issues related to counteracting human trafficking and fighting against it, including them in educational curricular for children and youth;

To raise public awareness with the assistance of mass media, to enhance the efficiency of law enforcement activities in fighting against human trafficking;

To ensure efficient cooperation between the law enforcement agencies of Ukraine and other countries in combating trafficking in human beings;

To provide assistance to victims of human trafficking, namely in repatriation, employment and professional training;

To improve the activities of the rehabilitation centres in assistance to victims of human trafficking;

To develop mechanism for psychological and social rehabilitation of children suffered from human trafficking;

To cooperate with non-governmental and international organizations and foundations that are engaged in activities related to combating trafficking in human beings;

To use international experience in prevention and fight against human trafficking, protection of human rights of those suffered from the crime, search for those missing abroad, their repatriation and rehabilitation.

Measures indicated in the Appendix I are to be taken to implement the Programme.

**Financial Support for the Programme**

The Programme is to be implemented by central and local bodies of executive power using the funds assigned to them by the state budget and local budgets for a respective year as well as other sources.

The state budget funds allocated for the implementation of the Programme amount to 1,469,700 UAH.

**Expected Results**

The implementation of the Programme will contribute to:

Raising public awareness on the problem of human trafficking and, as a result, reduction of the amount of those becoming victims of the crime;

Incorporation of combating human trafficking topics into the educational curricular for children and youth, particularly in orphanages and boarding schools, in order to reduce their risk of becoming victims of sexual and labour exploitation;

Enhancement of professional knowledge and skills of experts within central and local bodies of executive power that are engaged in anti-trafficking activities by organizing the trainings for governmental officials and representatives of non-governmental organizations;

Improvement of the work of law enforcement agencies, enhancement of their cooperation with relevant agencies in other countries while investigating crimes related to trafficking in human beings;
Enhancement of the rehabilitation assistance provided to the victims, increase in the amount of persons reintegrated by improving social, legal, medical and psychological assistance provided to victims of human trafficking.

Appendix to the Programme

PLAN

of Activities Aimed at Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

for the Period until 2010

Prevention of Trafficking in Human Beings and Fight against it

1. To analyze legislative acts on combating trafficking in human beings and, if necessary, submit proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine regarding amendments to them.

Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Health Care, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007

2. To monitor national legislative acts in order to establish if they are in line with norms of international law on combating trafficking in human beings, and submit timely proposals to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine regarding amendments to them.

Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Health Care, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007-2010

3. To create and to facilitate the activities of working expert groups under the permanent regional committees on the issues of exchanging information on prevention of human trafficking and coordination of efforts in fight against trafficking.

Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast state administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007

4. To hear information, once in six months, from heads of central bodies of executive power engaged in anti-trafficking activities about the progress in the implementation of the State Programme on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the period until 2010 in order to assess its efficiency.

Inter-agency Coordination Council on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

2007-2010

5. To organize annual regional and inter-agency meetings/seminars to coordinate the efforts, analyze and modify/specify the strategy to prevent human trafficking and fight against it.


2007-2010

6. To organize trainings for governmental officials on combating trafficking in children and eradicating the worst forms of child labour.
7. To ensure trainings for diplomatic corps in combating human trafficking, to establish international cooperation in this sphere as well as in the sphere of protection of victims of this crime.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education and Science, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007-2010

8. To develop and implement programmes of social and psychological rehabilitation of children suffered from human trafficking.


2007-2010

9. To include training courses, lectures and practical classes on combating trafficking in human beings into the training, re-training and personnel development courses’ curricular for pedagogical staff of the institutes of post-graduate pedagogical education.


2007

10. To continue the publication of information/educational materials on prevention of human trafficking and problems of social protection of children and youth.


2007-2010

11. To raise public awareness on means and methods used by traffickers by organizing awareness-raising/educational events.


2007-2010

12. To introduce a training course on labour migration and combating trafficking in human beings for the staff of the State Employment Service on the basis of the State Employment Service’s Personnel Development Institute.

Ministry of Labour.

September 2007

13. To include measures aimed at combating human trafficking in the Uniform Technology of servicing the unemployed population.

Ministry of Labour.

2007

14. To introduce the Frequently Asked Questions column within the State Employment Service’s web page in order to prevent
human trafficking among those intending to leave abroad for employment.

Ministry of Labour.
2007

15. To ensure the provision of information and explanations/clarifications on employment related issues.

Ministry of Labour.
2007—2010

16. To provide information to citizens about employment opportunities abroad (within the scope of bilateral agreements).

Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2007

17. To draft and submit to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine proposals on amendments to legislative acts regulating activities in the sphere of mediation in employment abroad, in order to enhance the protection of rights and legal interests of Ukrainian citizens leaving for employment abroad and to prevent trafficking-related crimes against them.

Ministry of Labour, State Committee on Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs.
2007

18. To control the business entities' compliance with the legislation in the sphere of modelling, tourism and entertainment business as well as mediation in employment abroad, the violation of which creates conditions for human trafficking, and to ensure prosecution of perpetrators.

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ukraine’s Security Service, Ministry for Culture and Tourism, Ministry of Labour.
2007-2010

19. To develop a series of TV and radio programmes, to introduce special columns in electronic and print mass media placing the information on domestic labour market demand and consequences of illegal employment abroad.

State Committee on TV/Radio, Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, along with non-governmental and international organizations.
2007-2010

20. To involve non-governmental organizations in developing joint media projects aimed at raising public awareness on prevention and combating trafficking in human beings.

State Committee on TV/Radio, Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports.
2007—2010

Provision of Protection and Assistance to Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings

21. To provide Ukrainians suffered from trafficking in human beings with legal assistance in repatriation.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs, State Border Service Administration, along with non-governmental and international organizations.
2007—2010

22. To assist Ukrainians suffered from human trafficking in employment and professional trainings.
23. To monitor and summarize the experience of rehabilitation centres for victims of human trafficking and socio-psychological rehabilitation centres for children.

Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, Council of Ministers of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, oblast state administrations, Kyiv and Sevastopol City State Administrations, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007-2010

24. To ensure mass media coverage of the events aimed at prevention and combating human trafficking as well as assistance to victims of the crime.


2007-2010

25. To hold annual competition on creation of social advertisements on combating human trafficking and provision of services for victims of the crime among mass media and non-governmental organizations.

State Committee on TV/Radio, Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports, along with non-governmental and international organizations.

2007-2010

International Cooperation in the Sphere of Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

26. To ensure participation in international seminars, round tables, conferences and trainings on combating human trafficking and provision of services to victims of the crime.


2007-2010

27. To analyze international treaties on cooperation in combating transnational organized crime, particularly, trafficking in human beings, to participate in international prevention operations and investigation of crimes related to trafficking in human beings, and to initiate such investigations.

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine’s Security Service, Ministry of Justice, State Border Service Administration.

2007-2010

28. To continue cooperation with Interpol, Europol, Southeast European Co-operative Initiative’s (SECI) Regional Centre for Combating Trans-Border Crimes, law enforcement agencies of other countries in combating trafficking in human beings, exchange of information on transnational criminal groups and individuals engaged in such criminal activities, and investigation of trafficking-related crimes.

Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ukraine’s Security Service, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Border Service Administration.

2007-2010

29. To ensure involvement of international non-governmental organizations, charity funds and foreign mass media in the
implementation of projects aimed at prevention of and combating trafficking in human beings, search for those missing abroad, their reintegration and rehabilitation.

State Committee on TV/Radio, Ministry for Family, Youth and Sports.

2007—2010

30. To develop cooperation with non-governmental and international organizations and foundations, to expand the use of international experience in prevention and combating trafficking in human beings, protection of human rights of victims of the crime, search for those missing abroad, repatriation and rehabilitation of human trafficking victims.


2007-2010