

News & Highlights

General Assembly interactive dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”, UNHQ New York, 13 May 2009

On 13 May 2009, the General Assembly held an interactive dialogue on “Taking collective action to end human trafficking”. The dialogue was moderated by the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas G. Weiss, and featured a panel of experts including the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay. The dialogue focused on the need for a global framework to address human trafficking and the role of the United Nations in this effort. The Secretary-General emphasized the importance of international cooperation and the need for a comprehensive approach that involves governments, civil society, and the private sector. The High Commissioner highlighted the need for stronger legal frameworks and improved law enforcement capabilities to combat human trafficking. The dialogue concluded with a call for action to address the root causes of human trafficking and to provide support for victims.

Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, B M 2009,

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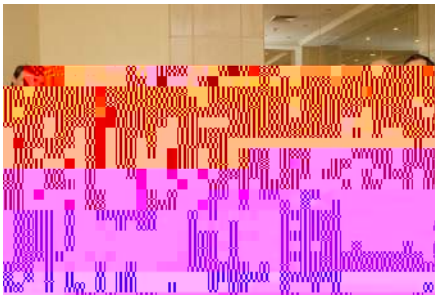
Side event on “Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Responses to Violence against Women and Girls” during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria, 16-24 April 2009

The side event was held on 21 April 2009, during the eighteenth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria. The event was moderated by the Secretary-General, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, and featured a panel of experts including the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Navi Pillay, and the Under-Secretary-General for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas G. Weiss. The side event focused on the need for a comprehensive approach to address violence against women and girls, including crime prevention and criminal justice responses. The Secretary-General emphasized the importance of international cooperation and the need for a comprehensive approach that involves governments, civil society, and the private sector. The High Commissioner highlighted the need for stronger legal frameworks and improved law enforcement capabilities to combat violence against women and girls. The side event concluded with a call for action to address the root causes of violence against women and girls and to provide support for victims.



**Highlights of the UN Secretary General's Campaign
UNiTE to End Violence against Women**

The Secretary-General's Campaign
 UNiTE to End Violence against Women
 was launched on 15 March 2009.
 The campaign is a global effort to
 end violence against women and girls.
 It is a call to action for all
 countries to take concrete steps
 to prevent violence against women
 and girls, and to support survivors.
 The campaign is led by the Secretary-General,
 Ban Ki-moon, and is supported by
 all 192 member States of the United Nations.
 The campaign is a key part of the
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For more information, visit
www.un.org/womenwatch/unite

**Expert group meeting on "Good practices in legislation
to address harmful practices against women", Addis
Ababa, Ethiopia, 25-28 May 2009**

The United Nations Development
 Programme (UNDP) and the
 United Nations Women (UNWOMEN)
 jointly organized an expert group
 meeting on "Good practices in
 legislation to address harmful
 practices against women" in
 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from
 25 to 28 May 2009. The meeting
 was held in the context of the
 United Nations Secretary-General's
 Campaign UNiTE to End Violence
 against Women. The meeting
 brought together experts from
 various countries to discuss
 effective legislative approaches
 to address harmful practices
 against women, such as
 child marriage, early and
 forced marriage, and
 female genital mutilation.
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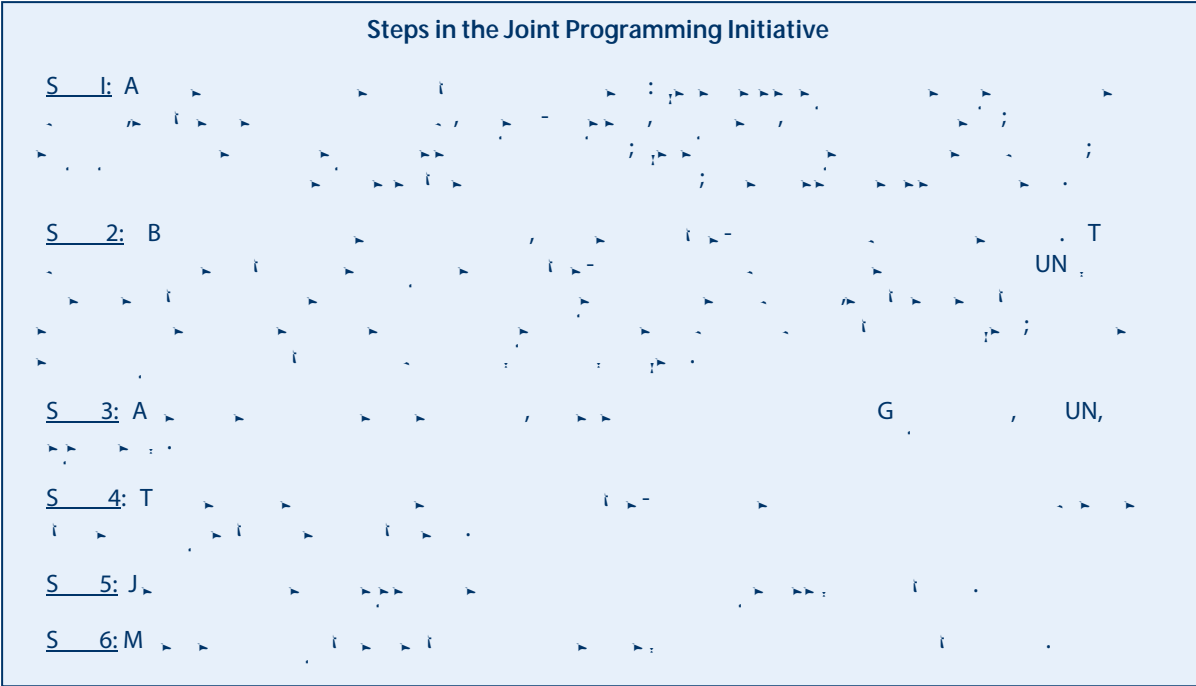
Feature Item: The Joint Programming Initiative of the UN Inter-Agency's Task Force on Violence against Women

Background

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Combating Trafficking in Persons: A Handbook for Parliamentarians, U N O D C (UNODC), 2009. T Handbook
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Upcoming Events

2-3 July 2009: E M H R A U F G M /G C
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13-14 July 2009: E A M W S .D
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19-21 August 2009: R L -A C C U C D A
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9-10 September 2009: I C V W O G I
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