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Excerpts from the Concluding Observations on the 7th and 8th periodic reports of Germany: relevant to and potentially impacting sex workers, collated by NSWP.

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

30. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Establish an independent mechanism aimed at supporting a comprehensive and effective anti-trafficking policy, and provide this mechanism with adequate human, technical and financial resources to collect and analyse disaggregated data on trafficking in persons and to conduct statistical and quantitative studies on the extent of trafficking in the State party;

(b) Develop awareness-raising programmes for the police and social workers at the municipal level and investigate, prosecute and adequately punish all cases of trafficking in persons, especially women and girls;

(c) Develop national guidelines for the effective identification of victims of trafficking;

(d) Strengthen measures to systematically identify and provide support to women who are victims and those at risk of trafficking, in particular migrant women and unaccompanied girls, ensuring adequate access to health care, counselling services and redress, including compensation; strengthen the human, technical and financial resources of non-governmental organizations that offer specialized victim protection and support services; and develop gender-sensitive training for social workers dealing with victims of trafficking;

(e) Grant temporary residence permits to enable all victims of trafficking to avail themselves of protective and rehabilitation measures, irrespective of their willingness to cooperate with the police and judicial authorities, and ensure that the authorities adopt a victim-centred approach when granting the recovery and reflection period;

(f) Provide an assessment, in the next periodic report, of the revised criminal law in relation to trafficking in persons as adopted in October 2016, which includes a provision to bring clients of victims of trafficking or sexual exploitation to justice;

(g) Strengthen the assistance provided to women and girls who wish to leave prostitution, including by providing exit programmes and alternative income-generating opportunities.