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**Excerpts from the Concluding Observations on the 5th periodic report of Kazakhstan:
relevant to and potentially impacting sex workers, collated by NSWP.**

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

28. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Build the capacity of the judiciary and law enforcement officers to identify, refer and protect victims of trafficking, especially foreign women, at an early stage;
- (b) Effectively investigate and prosecute trafficking cases, especially cases of trafficking in women and girls, and impose on perpetrators sentences commensurate with the gravity of the crime;
- (c) Ensure access to integrated support, rehabilitation and reintegration programmes for women and girls who are victims of trafficking, regardless of whether they are living with HIV/AIDS, and ensure that such programmes are not conditional on cooperation with the police and prosecutorial authorities;
- (d) Intensify awareness-raising in schools and at the community level with a view to preventing trafficking;
- (e) Register, investigate and prosecute cases of gender-based violence and discrimination against women in prostitution and bring perpetrators to justice, and end the practice of forced HIV testing;
- (f) Conduct awareness-raising campaigns to challenge the stereotypical perceptions of women in prostitution and related stigma;
- (g) Provide exit programmes and alternative income-generating opportunities for women wishing to leave prostitution.