



Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

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Excerpts from the Concluding Observations on the 3rd to 5th periodic reports of Mozambique: relevant to and potentially impacting sex workers, collated by NSWP.

4. The Committee welcomes the progress achieved since the consideration in 2007 of the State party's second report in undertaking legislative reforms, in particular the adoption or establishment of the following:

(f) Act on Trafficking in Persons (No. 6/2008), which criminalizes trafficking in persons, in particular women and children, for purposes of sexual exploitation and forced labour;

Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution

28. The Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Continue to provide training for migration officers and border officials on combating trafficking in women and girls and early identification of victims of trafficking, and establish a mechanism to refer victims to appropriate services;

(b) Strengthen its efforts to investigate, prosecute and adequately punish perpetrators of trafficking in women and girls, including public officials involved in such acts, ensure that victims of trafficking and prostitution are exempted from criminal liability and provide data on the number of such cases and the prevalence of trafficking in organs in the next periodic report;

(c) Expedite the revision of the Act on Trafficking in Persons (No. 6/2008), ensure that the definition of trafficking is in line with international standards, strengthen the protection of victims and witnesses and adopt an action plan for the implementation of the revised law;

(d) Establish State-run shelters and provide adequate support to existing shelters run by non-governmental organizations;

(e) Provide counselling, legal services, rehabilitation and social integration programmes for women and girls who are victims of trafficking and those who are exploited in prostitution;

(f) Provide exit programmes for women and girls wishing to leave prostitution, in addition to training for the police to eliminate discrimination against women in prostitution.