



## Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

### **67<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

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#### **Excerpts from the Concluding Observations on the 8<sup>th</sup> periodic report of Nigeria: relevant to and potentially impacting sex workers, collated by NSWP.**

##### **Trafficking and exploitation of prostitution**

28. The Committee recommends that the State party:

- (a) Address the root causes of trafficking in women and girls and ensure the rehabilitation and social integration of victims, including by providing them with access to shelters, legal, medical and psychosocial assistance and adequate income-generating opportunities;
- (b) Intensify awareness-raising efforts aimed at promoting the reporting of trafficking and related crimes and the early detection of women and girls who are victims of trafficking and their referral to appropriate social services;
- (c) Step up efforts aimed at bilateral, regional and international cooperation to prevent trafficking, including by exchanging information and harmonizing legal procedures to prosecute traffickers, in particular with countries in the Economic Community of West African States and the European Union;
- (d) Allocate adequate human, technical and financial resources to the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons to enable it to effectively undertake its activities;
- (e) Conduct an assessment of the adequacy of shelters and the services that they provide, including legal, medical and psychosocial assistance;
- (f) Protect women in prostitution against gender-based violence, abuse and harassment, notably by law enforcement personnel and in particular the police, by investigating, prosecuting and punishing the perpetrators;
- (g) Allocate sufficient resources for exit programmes for women wishing to leave prostitution, including by providing alternative income-generating opportunities.

##### **Health**

38. Recalling its previous recommendation (CEDAW/C/NGA/CO/6, para. 32) and its general recommendation No. 24 (1999) on women and health, the Committee recommends that the State party:

- (c) Implement strategies to combat malaria and HIV, especially preventive strategies, and enhance the provision of free antiretroviral treatment to all those living with HIV, including pregnant women in order to prevent mother-to-child transmission, and encourage women in prostitution to use condoms and guarantee them access to adequate and respectful health care so that they can be active agents in efforts to combat HIV/AIDS;