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Crime prevention and criminal justice

### Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 29 April 2025

[without reference to a Main Committee ([A/79/L.79](#))]

#### 79/286. Modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* its resolutions [76/186](#) of 16 December 2021 and [78/228](#) of 19 December 2023, which build on resolution [68/192](#) of 18 December 2013, in which it was decided to appraise, from within existing resources, on a four-year basis, starting at its seventy-second session, the progress achieved in the implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons in order to assess achievements, gaps and challenges, including in the implementation of the relevant legal instruments, and to convene a high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the progress achieved in the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons at its eightieth session and no later than December 2025,

*Recalling also* its resolution [64/293](#) of 30 July 2010, by which it adopted the Global Plan of Action,

*Recalling further* its resolution [55/25](#) of 15 November 2000, by which it adopted the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime<sup>1</sup> and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime,<sup>2</sup>

*Reaffirming* its resolution [76/7](#) of 22 November 2021, by which it adopted the 2021 Political Declaration on the Implementation of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons,

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<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2225, No. 39574.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., vol. 2237, No. 39574.



*Recalling* its resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”,

*Welcoming* the convening of the Summit of the Future on 22 and 23 September 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, at which resolution [79/1](#) entitled “The Pact for the Future” was adopted, containing the relevant commitments made by Heads of State and Government to combating trafficking in persons, particularly specific references to trafficking in persons in actions 31 and 35,

1. *Decides* that the two-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons<sup>3</sup> will be held on Monday, 24 November, and Tuesday, 25 November 2025, and will consist of:

- (a) A plenary meeting on 24 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., including an opening segment to be held from 10 to 11 a.m.;
- (b) Two consecutive interactive panel discussions on 24 November, to be held from 3 to 6 p.m.;
- (c) Plenary meetings on 25 November, to be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., including a closing segment to be held at 5.30 p.m.;

2. *Also decides* that:

(a) The opening segment will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its eightieth session, the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, as well as an eminent person actively engaged in the fight against trafficking in persons and a representative of civil society, at least one of whom should be a survivor and both of whom are to be selected by the President of the General Assembly, followed by the adoption of a short and concise political declaration; any explanation of vote on the political declaration shall be incorporated into national statements instead of being made at the opening segment;

(b) The plenary meetings will hear statements by Member States and observers of the General Assembly; the list of speakers will be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly and the time limits for these statements will be three minutes for individual delegations and five minutes for statements made on behalf of a group of States;

(c) The closing segment will hear summaries of the discussions of the interactive panel discussions, followed by final remarks by the President of the General Assembly;

3. *Further decides* that the proceedings of the high-level meeting will be webcast, and encourages the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General to give the highest visibility to the high-level meeting;

4. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the interactive panel discussions to be held on 24 November in the afternoon, each chaired by two Co-Chairs, one from a developed country and one from a developing country to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly, will be as follows:

(a) Interactive panel discussion 1, to be held from 3 to 4.30 p.m., will address the theme “The Global Plan of Action and enduring trafficking issues and gaps which should, *inter alia*, address the current challenges, gaps and opportunities in

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<sup>3</sup> Resolution [64/293](#).

implementation of the Global Plan of Action, including child trafficking, trafficking for forced labour and the link between trafficking in persons and organized crime groups”;

(b) Interactive panel discussion 2, to be held from 4.30 to 6 p.m., will address the theme “The Global Plan of Action and emerging issues, such as trafficking in persons through new technologies, including the role of artificial intelligence, and trafficking for forced criminality”;

(c) A Chair of each interactive panel discussion will present summaries of the discussions at the closing segment;

(d) In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions, participation in each panel discussion will include Member States, observers of the General Assembly, representatives of United Nations organizations and entities, and representatives of international, regional and subregional organizations, as well as of civil society, including non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, victims and survivors of trafficking in persons, and the media;

5. *Invites* Member States and all observers of the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;

6. *Encourages* Member States to consider including in their delegations to the high-level meeting members of national human rights institutions, representatives of law enforcement, parliamentarians, representatives of civil society active in combating trafficking in persons, survivors of trafficking in persons and representatives of the private sector;

7. *Invites* all relevant United Nations system entities, in particular the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, as well as relevant intergovernmental, regional and subregional organizations, to participate in the high-level meeting;

8. *Invites* interested representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, in particular those with relevant expertise in the field of trafficking in persons, to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the high-level meeting;

9. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of other relevant non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the high-level meeting, including its panel discussions, taking into account the principles of transparency and equitable geographical representation, with due regard for gender parity, to submit the proposed list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis<sup>4</sup> and to bring the list to the attention of the General Assembly before the high-level meeting, in a timely manner, for a final decision by the General Assembly on participation in the high-level meeting;

10. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to hold open, transparent, inclusive and representative intergovernmental negotiations with all Member States, through two co-facilitators to be appointed by the President, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, with a view to producing a short and concise political declaration for adoption at the opening segment of the

<sup>4</sup> The list will include proposed as well as final names. The general basis of any objections, if requested by one or more States Members of the United Nations or States members of the specialized agencies, will be made known to the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the requester.

high-level meeting, on the implementation of the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons;

11. *Further requests* the President of the General Assembly to organize, no later than June 2025, an informal interactive multi-stakeholder hearing, attended by representatives of Member States, all observers of the General Assembly, national human rights institutions compliant with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles),<sup>5</sup> non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations, academic institutions and the private sector, welcomes their contribution to the process, and requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearing;

12. *Encourages* Member States, United Nations entities, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private sector entities and other relevant stakeholders to consider supporting the participation of representatives from developing countries, including representatives of non-governmental organizations from those countries, in order to ensure the broadest possible participation, and requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures in this regard, where applicable;

13. *Encourages* Member States and other stakeholders to continue to contribute to the United Nations voluntary trust fund for victims of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, which was established by the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.

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<sup>5</sup> Resolution 48/134, annex.