

STOLEN DREAMS

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Transforming Education Youth Declaration: Grassroots Youth Consultation Recommendations on Transforming Education in the context of countering modern slavery, and trafficking in persons.

We call on Member States to:

1. *Commit to recognising and acknowledging* the crucial intersections between achieving quality education, noting Sustainable Development Goal 4, and countering modern slavery, and trafficking in persons, in all their forms, wherever it may occur, noting Sustainable Development Goals 5.2, 8.7 and 16.2, recognising the education crisis is a root cause enabling, exacerbating and contributing to modern slavery, and trafficking in persons, in all their forms, and in this regard, commit to ensuring all persons have access to free, accessible, and comprehensive quality education, to reduce vulnerabilities to modern slavery, and trafficking in persons.
2. *Commit to mandating* comprehensive and universal education around modern slavery and trafficking in persons in primary and secondary school curricula, as well as for all educational employees, tailored to age groups and national contexts, through partnerships with non-governmental organizations and most importantly, with youth organizations, networks, collectives and young individuals, recognising that educational programmes targeted at all children during their schooling that address the unacceptable nature of gender-based discrimination and patriarchal norms, stressing the importance of gender equality and the empowerment, dignity and integrity of all human beings, is an essential tool for the prevention of modern slavery and trafficking in persons, as well as other forms of sexual and gender-based violence.
3. *Commit to adopting* appropriate measures to address, especially in the field of education and awareness-raising, discriminatory approaches and social norms that increase women's and girls' vulnerabilities to trafficking, including by addressing sexual and domestic violence and other

forms of violence, and discrimination in access to resources, quality education and job opportunities.

4. *Commit to, promoting and implementing* campaigns carried out in collaboration with youth, civil society and the private sector to increase public awareness of the issue at the national and grass-roots levels, including awareness-raising campaigns against modern slavery and trafficking in persons, targeted at groups that are at risk and vulnerable to becoming victims of modern slavery and trafficking in persons, well as at those who may fuel the demand that contributes to modern slavery and trafficking in persons.
5. *Commit to forming* partnerships with corporates and the private sector to promote decent work, skills-based education and safe, fair and decent employment opportunities for survivors of modern slavery and trafficking in persons.
6. *Commit to providing* survivors of modern slavery and trafficking in persons with substantial support to reintegrate into society, including reintegration into the education system, ensuring all support programmes include the enjoyment of the right to quality education and measures to secure adequate care or receipt by the family or appropriate care structures.
7. *Commit to strengthening* efforts, including with the support of international and intergenerational cooperation, aimed at addressing the rights and needs of people affected by natural disasters, armed conflicts, other complex humanitarian emergencies, trafficking in persons and terrorism, recognizing and responding to the particular situation and needs of children, especially girls in humanitarian and conflict settings who may have to assume adult responsibilities and are exposed to higher risks of sexual and gender-based violence, including modern slavery, trafficking in persons, and child, early and forced marriage and trafficking, who are likely to be denied education, skills training, safe and decent work and employment opportunities and access to sexual and reproductive health and rights, services and information, and to face isolation, discrimination and stigma.