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**To: Vice-President of the European Commission, Margaritis Schinas;
To: Commissioner for Home Affairs, Ylva Johansson**

Dear Vice-President Margaritis Schinas,
Dear Commissioner Ylva Johansson,

We are writing to you regarding the mandate of the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator that ends in February 2020.

European Network of Migrant Women is a Europe-wide platform of grassroots NGOs across 23 EU states, advocating for the rights, freedoms and dignity of migrant and refugee women and girls in Europe. Our platform represents the voices of migrant and refugee women and girls at the European and international level. Given that Trafficking in Human Beings (THB) is a gendered crime that disproportionately affects migrant women, a majority of our members work with, and for, female victims of trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation, forced marriage, exploitation in domestic work, agriculture, and the hotel industry, among others.

Since 2014, our Network has been an active member of the EU Civil society platform against THB established on the initiative of the current EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Dr Myria Vassiliadou. Our participation in the platform has allowed us to collaborate, share information and resources with other civil society actors and experts on THB to more effectively support and advocate for the victims across Europe. The work of the Platform has significantly contributed to strengthening dialogue between civil society actors in promoting the EU values of solidarity and cooperation. Additionally, along with many other stakeholders on THB, we have benefited from the knowledge generated, as well as the policy documents and recommendations regularly produced by the Office of the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator.

Together with the cosignatories to this letter, we take this opportunity to commend the work done by Myria Vassiliadou in enforcing the European Union's framework on THB and promoting the European Commission's corresponding priorities on the rights of victims of crime, integration of migrants and equality between women and men. We recognise that over the course of her work Myria Vassiliadou has adopted an evidence-based, victim-centred approach to THB, encompassing all its forms and manifestations while paying specific attention those groups most at risk, as mandated by the EU Directive on Trafficking. Furthermore, we commend Dr Vassiliadou's commitment to the full implementation and monitoring of the EU Directive, taking a holistic approach including ensuring accountability of all bodies responsible for its implementation, and being a tireless ambassador of the European Union's legislation.

We also emphasise that Dr Vassiliadou's work has been recently recognised as best practice at the international level in the United Nation's Resolution on Improving the Coordination Efforts against



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Trafficking in Human Beings¹ - a recognition that we fully endorse from the civil-society and women's rights perspective.

We would like to highlight that throughout her work as EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, Dr Vassiliadou ensured that the Office of the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator, not only remained true to its mission as mandated by the EU Directive, but constructively engaged with multiple stakeholders, and in doing so promoted multi-agency collaboration and coordination from a victims-rights perspective. Promoting such coordination among a wide range of civil society organisations, National Rapporteurs on THB, labour, social, health sectors, EU institutions and UN Agencies, has significantly contributed to the potential of the EU criminal justice system to respond holistically to human trafficking.

Considering the above, and highlighting the critical role Dr Vassiliadou has played pushing forward the EU's commitment to prevent and combat THB, as well as her proven commitment to upholding the rights of victims of THB, we count on the continuation of her work at the EU level. We therefore urge the European Commission and DG Home in particular, to extend Dr Vassiliadou's mandate and reappoint her as the EU Anti-Trafficking Coordinator.

Supporting Organisations:

European Organisations and International Organisations working in Europe

- 1. European Network of Migrant Women (ENoMW)**
- 2. European Women's Lobby (EWL)**
- 3. European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE)**
- 4. Equality Now**
- 5. SPACE International**
- 6. Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW)**
- 7. Euromed Feminist Initiative IFE-EFI**
- 8. Radical Girlss, Young Women Movement of ENoMW**
- 9. Institute for Feminism & Human Rights**

National Organisations & Umbrella Platforms

- 10. Herzwerk Wien, Austria**
- 11. Relief for People, Austria**

¹ <https://undocs.org/A/C.3/74/L.10/Rev.1>



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- 12.African Women's Organisation, Austria
- 13.Austrian Initiative STOPP SEXKAUF, Austria
- 14.Verein Feministischer Diskurs, Austria
- 15.Le Monde selon les femmes asbl, Belgium
- 16.Conseil des Femmes Francophones de Belgique, Belgium
- 17.Council of Women Belgium (Vrouwenraad), Belgium
- 18.Observatory of violence against women, Belgium
- 19.Association Demetra, Bulgaria
- 20.Bulgarian platform of the EWL, Bulgaria
- 21.Cyprus Refugee Council (CyRC)
- 22.Cyprus Family Planning Association, Cyprus
- 23.Hands Across the Divide, Cyprus
- 24.Mediterranean Institute of Gender Studies (MIGS), Cyprus
- 25.Socialist Women's Movement, Cyprus
- 26.Foundation Promoting Equality HYPATIA, Cyprus
- 27.Cyprus Federation of Business and Professional Women, Cyprus
- 28.Cyprus Women's Lobby, Cyprus
- 29.Caritas, Cyprus
- 30.Women's Network of Croatia, Croatia
- 31.Centre for Women War Victims - ROSA, Croatia
- 32.PETRA Network of NGOs for the prevention and the elimination of trafficking in women, Croatia
- 33.Autonomous Women's House Zagreb, Croatia
- 34.KFUKs Sociale Arbejde/Reden International, Denmark
- 35.NYTKIS – The Coalition of Finnish Women's Associations
- 36.MONIKA - Multicultural Women's Association, Finland
- 37.Marche mondiale des Femmes, France
- 38.Amicale du Nid, France
- 39.Forum Femme Mediterranee, France
- 40.Reseau Feministe « RUPTURES », France
- 41.Femmes solidaires, France
- 42.Association Mémoire Traumatique et Victimologie, France
- 43.Fondation Scelles, France
- 44.Réussir l'égalité Femmes-Hommes, France
- 45.Les Equipes d'Action Contre le Proxénétisme, France
- 46.Femmes pour le Dire, Femmes pour Agir, France
- 47.Regards de femmes, France
- 48.Libres MarianneS, France
- 49.La ligue des femmes iraniennes pour la démocratie-LFID, France
- 50.La Ligue du Droit International des Femmes, France
- 51.La CLEF, Coordination française pour le Lobby européen des femmes, France
- 52.TERRE DES FEMMES, Germany
- 53.Maisha e.V.- African Women in Germany, Germany
- 54.SOLWODI Deutschland e.V, Germany
- 55.Kofra, Germany
- 56.SISTERS - für den Ausstieg aus der Prostitution! e.V., Germany



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57. Hungarian Women's Lobby (Magyar Női Érdekvégyesítő Szövetség), Hungary
58. NANE Women's Rights Association, Hungary
59. The Women's Front, Norway
60. Stigamot, Iceland
61. National Women's Council of Ireland, Ireland
62. Wezesha, Ireland
63. Immigrant Council of Ireland, Ireland
64. Akina Dada wa Africa, Ireland
65. Associazione AURA, Italy
66. Italian Coordination of the EWL, Italy
67. Association MARTA Centre, Latvia
68. Klaipeda Social and Psychological Support Centre, Lithuania
69. Network of East-West Women, NEWW-Polska, Poland
70. Portuguese Platform for Women's Rights, Portugal
71. Romanian Women's Lobby, Romania
72. Society Kljuc – centre for fight against trafficking in human beings, Slovenia
73. Comisión para la Investigación de Malos Tratos a Mujeres, Spain
74. Haurralde Foundation, Spain
75. Mujeres Supervivientes, Spain
76. Por ti Mujer, Spain
77. Feminicidio.net - Asociación La Sur, Spain
78. Realstars, Sweden
79. The Swedish Federation of immigrant women's associations, Sweden
80. Swedish Women's Lobby, Sweden
81. Afghan Women Organisation, Sweden
82. Unizon, Sweden
83. 1000 Möjligheter (1000 opportunities), Sweden
84. FiLiA, UK
85. Nordic Model Now!, UK
86. Not Buying It, UK
87. Not for Sale in Scotland, UK
88. Dovetail Initiative, UK
89. women@thewell, UK
90. Institute of Our Lady of Mercy, UK
91. National Board of Catholic Women, UK
92. UK Programme Action Committee of Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland, UK
93. Scottish Women's Aid, UK
94. National Alliance of Women's Organisations, UK