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Thank you, Mr. President,

IIMA and VIDES are concerned with the increasing numbers of victims of trafficking in persons especially woman and children.

19-hour daily work shift, physical, sexual and gender-based violence at work, non or below minimum wage payment, employers confiscating workers' personal documents, inadequate food and lack of access to healthcare are just some of the inhumane conditions migrant domestic workers face.

The Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2024 points out¹ that in 2022 at least 162 different nationalities were trafficked to 128 different countries of destination.

Therefore, we recommend to Member States to:

- 1. Strengthen bilateral, multilateral, and regional agreements to ensure the security of migrant domestic workers by implementing fair recruitment regulations, guaranteeing labor and social protection, and accessible reporting mechanisms to hold traffickers and other entities accountable for their role in human trafficking.
- 2. Raise awareness among migrant domestic workers of their rights and of labor standards and ensure that information is accessible in relevant platforms and languages.
- 3. Provide returning victims with long-term access to safe accommodation, medical and psychosocial assistance and legal aid.

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¹ https://www.unodc.org/documents/data-and-analysis/glotip/2024/GLOTIP2024_BOOK.pdf