



BRITISH GROUP  
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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
Regional Seminar for the 12+ Group  
*The Attlee Suite, Portcullis House*  
*Palace of Westminster,*  
*London, United Kingdom*  
22 and 23 February 2010



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Monday 7 December 2009

Dear «12+ Member»,

*As soon as ever I had arrived thus far in my investigation of the slave trade, I confess to you sir, so enormous so dreadful, so irremediable did its wickedness appear that my own mind was completely made up for the abolition. A trade founded in iniquity, and carried on as this was, must be abolished, let the policy be what it might; – let the consequences be what they would, I from this time determined that I would never rest till I had effected its abolition.*

—William Wilberforce, *Abolition Speech, 1789*

It is over 200 years since William Wilberforce's speech on slavery was made in the British Parliament. Can we say that the legacy of William Wilberforce has survived? Around the world millions of people, mainly women and children, are being tricked, lured and coerced from their homes; they are then exploited and forced to work with little or no payment in a modern form of slavery: human trafficking.

This process of Human Trafficking is very present in Europe and we can identify all three areas within our continent – the countries of origin, transit and destination. Parliamentarians from around Europe therefore have a joint responsibility to raise awareness of this practice and put a stop to the misery suffered by thousands of people each year.

With this regional seminar we are inviting parliamentarians from around Europe to come together not so much to discuss laws outlawing trafficking, but to highlight how parliamentarians should get better involved in ensuring the

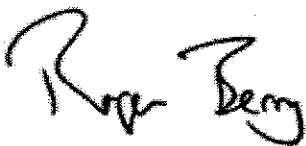
enforcement and implementation of existing legislation and the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against trafficking in Human Beings. In this context we will rely heavily on the experience of parliamentarians in securing support from the police, the border agencies and NGOs, and to highlight the importance of NGO involvement with victim protection. Our purpose is to have a conference with a difference where parliamentarians share best practice and discuss how each parliament can better operate; whether it be to combat child or sex trafficking or trafficking for forced labour and domestic slavery. A key input to the discussion will be the IPU/UN Handbook 'Combating Trafficking in Persons'.

Please find enclosed a registration form, which we invite your Parliament to return to the British Group of the IPU Secretariat no later than 22 January 2010. The conference room in the House of Commons has limited seating capacity, which is why we kindly request your Parliament to limit its delegation to a maximum of three people, including advisers and secretaries. English and French interpretation will be provided.

Lastly, we would like to point out that participants should handle all matters relating to their visas, hotel accommodation and transportation. To facilitate hotel bookings, we enclose a reservation form which participants may wish to use. Both forms, along with the provisional programme of the seminar and other relevant documents, will be posted on the IPU website shortly.

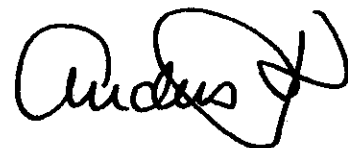
We look forward to the participation of your Parliament in the Seminar.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Roger Berry MP  
Chair, IPU British Group

Yours sincerely,



Anders B. Johnsson  
Secretary General

Encl.: Agenda  
Registration form  
Hotel reservation form



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### PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

#### MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2010

0830 - 0900 Registration of participants

#### **OPENING SESSION – SETTING THE SCENE**

*0900 - 0930*

- Introductory/welcome remarks

*0930 - 1000*

Showing of the film 'Affected for Life' produced by the UNODC or role play by Clean Break Theatre Company

#### **SESSION I – THE EUROPEAN PROBLEM**

*1000 - 1215*

CHAIR: TBC

#### **TO KICK THINGS OFF:**

- Guest Speaker – experience from a victim origin country
- Guest Speaker – experience from a victim transit country
- Guest Speaker – experience from a victim destination country

#### **THE DISCUSSION**

Outline the European problem. Identify the trafficking routes and the market. Discuss international and internal trafficking trends. Cover areas such as domestic slavery, children, the sex trade and seasonal workers.

## LUNCH

*1230-1400*

Informal buffet lunch in the IPU and Jubilee Rooms

Host: TBC

## SESSION II – WHAT ARE PARLIAMENTARIANS DOING TO PREVENT AND COMBAT PEOPLE TRAFFICKING

*1430-1600*

CHAIR: TBC

TO KICK THINGS OFF:

- Guest Speaker – A European Parliamentarian
- Guest Speaker – Council of Europe (tbc)
- Guest Speaker – European Commission (tbc)

### THE DISCUSSION

Highlight how parliamentarians are involved in ensuring the enforcement and implementation of existing legislation. Participants will be asked to share experiences, challenges and good practices.

## EXHIBITION

*1630 – 1800*

Delegates are invited to attend the opening of a special exhibition on Human Trafficking in the Upper Committee Corridor, House of Commons

Exhibition officially opened by: Anthony Steen MP

## RECEPTION

*1830-2000*

Delegates are invited to attend a reception at Lancaster House

Host: TBC

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2010

**SESSION III – LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

0930 – 1215

CHAIR: TBC

**TO KICK THINGS OFF:**

- Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker

*Guest speakers will come from a range of organisations dealing with this problem on a daily basis including NGOs, Border agencies, SOCA, Police, etc.,.*

**THE DISCUSSION**

Discuss law enforcement cooperation, including exchange of information and other measures such as mutual legal assistance, border measures and extradition.

**LUNCH**

1215 – 1400

Delegates are at leisure

**SESSION IV – CURRENT ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICIES, STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS: CHALLENGES AND GOOD PRACTICES**

1400 – 1600

CHAIR: TBC

**TO KICK THINGS OFF:**

- Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker
- Guest Speaker

**THE DISCUSSION**

Discuss the role of parliamentary committees, inter-ministerial task force and national rapporteurs

## CLOSING SESSION – ROLE PLAY OR FILM AND CONCLUSIONS

IPU Room/Jubilee Room

*1630-1800*

CHAIR: TBC

Showing of the film 'Affected for Life' produced by the UNODC or role play by  
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Final conclusions by the Chair

*Refreshments offered*



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### GENERAL INFORMATION

The regional Seminar for Parliaments on 'Human Trafficking', organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and hosted by the British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union will be held in London on 22 and 23 February 2010.

### REGISTRATION

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants attending the seminar as soon as possible and not later than 22 January, using the enclosed Registration Form, to the following addresses:

British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Palace of Westminster  
LONDON  
SW1A 0AA  
UNITED KINGDOM  
Tel: +44 207 219 3011  
Fax: +44 207 222 1213  
Email: [bgipu@parliament.uk](mailto:bgipu@parliament.uk)

Inter-Parliamentary Union  
5 Chemin du pommier  
Case Postale 330  
1218 GENEVE 19  
SUISSE  
Tel: 41 22 919 41 50  
Fax: 41 22 919 41 60  
Email: [postbox@mail.ipu.org](mailto:postbox@mail.ipu.org)

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

For practical reasons, it is proposed that participants stay at the City Inn Westminster Hotel (<http://www.cityinn.com/london/>), close to the venue of the Seminar. Block bookings have been made by the British Group IPU (BGIPU) but delegates shall have to book and pay their own accommodation directly to the hotel. Details of how to make your booking are below:

City Inn Westminster Hotel  
30 John Islip Street  
London SW1P 4DD  
Tel: +44 (0)20 7630 1000  
Website: [www.cityinn.com/london/index.htm](http://www.cityinn.com/london/index.htm)



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### Reservations Department

E-mail: [westminster.groups@cityinn.com](mailto:westminster.groups@cityinn.com)

BOOKING CODE: **PARL210210**

Please ensure you quote the above code to ensure you get the preferred rates as detailed below:

Single Room: £164 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT

Double Room: £174 inclusive of English breakfast and exclusive of VAT

**DEMAND FOR HOTEL ROOMS NEAR WESTMINSTER IS VERY HIGH – WE WOULD THEREFORE BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD REGISTER YOUR HOTEL BOOKING DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND CERTAINLY NOT LATER THAN 22 JANUARY 2010.**

Participants who would prefer accommodation in other hotels are kindly requested to inform the BGIPU accordingly.

### **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

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A reception service will be provided for participants at the Westminster City Inn from Sunday 21 January onwards. In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide sufficient arrival and departure information, including dates and arrival and departure times on the hotel reservation form.

### **REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

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A registration and information desk will be available to participants at the Seminar venue on 22 and 23 February from 8 am until 6.30 pm. Participants are kindly requested to register with this service which will issue identity badges, deal with enquiries concerning the Seminar and handle messages and mail.

### **VISAS**

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12+ countries requiring a visa for entry to the United Kingdom are listed below:





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Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Macedonia (*the former Yugoslav republic of*), Serbia and Turkey.

### SECURITY

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Participants are required to wear their identity badges visibly at all times when they are in the Seminar venue and at all official functions during the Seminar.

### TRANSPORT

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Participants are kindly asked to arrange their own transport between the airport and the hotel.

Transport between the Westminster City Inn hotel and the conference venue will be provided.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

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Details of the social events will be available in due course.



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### Registration Form

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British Group Inter-Parliamentary Union Palace of Westminster London SW1A 0AA United Kingdom Fax: +44 207 222 1213 Email: reesd@parliament.uk <i>and</i> bgipu@parliament.uk	Inter-Parliamentary Union 5, chemin du Pommier Case postale 330 CH 1218 Grand-Saconnex Geneva, Switzerland Fax: +41 22 919 4160 Email: postbox@mail.ipu.org
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*Country/Parliament:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Delegates:*

Mr/Mrs.	First Name	Last Name	Parliamentary Function

Fax/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



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Date:

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Signature:

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### HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (ONE FORM PER DELEGATE)

Name:	
Title:	
Country/Parliament:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Fax Number:	
Email:	
Arrival date & time:	
Departure date:	
Credit Card Number:	
Expiry Date:	
Credit Card Holder:	
Signature:	

Please Mark your preferred room category

Single Room  
VAT

£164.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast exclusive of

Double Room  
VAT

£174.00 per room per night inclusive of English breakfast, exclusive of

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