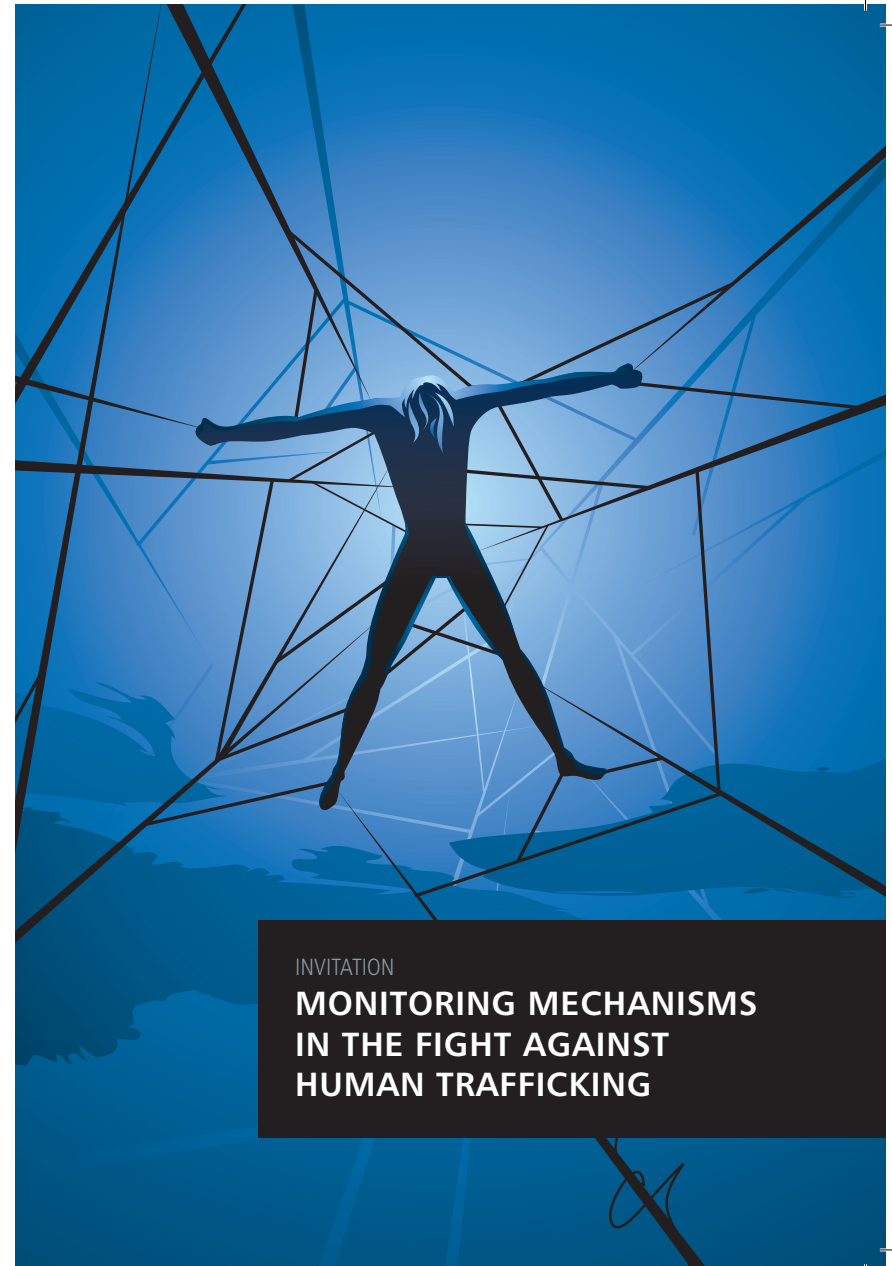




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Human Beings



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INVITATION

Monitoring Mechanisms in the Fight against Human Trafficking

An international conference on the exchange of best practices and the strengthening of networks

14 & 15 October 2010 - The Hague, The Netherlands

Dear colleague,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the international conference: '**Monitoring mechanisms in the fight against human trafficking**'. The conference will take place on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and follows on from last year's seminar on human trafficking hosted by the Home Affairs Committee of the British House of Commons.

Monitoring mechanisms, like national rapporteurs on trafficking in human beings or equivalent mechanisms and parliamentarians, are essential elements in the fight against human trafficking. Exchanging best practices and strengthening networks are important instruments in the effort to combat human trafficking and to protect victims from the human rights violations concerned more effectively. The main objective of this joint venture between the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and the Standing Committee on Justice of the Dutch House of Representatives is to assess the contribution of monitoring mechanisms during the past decade and identify how their impact can be improved in the future.

The conference will take place over two days, with different objectives and in different settings.

- On the first day - **Thursday 14 October** - national rapporteurs or equivalent mechanisms and parliamentarians of the EU-member states as well as representatives of several international organisations are invited. The main objective of this meeting is to recognise and address the challenges monitoring mechanisms encounter and to brainstorm on

possible solutions. Discussions will take place in small informal sessions and will be held under the 'Chatham House Rule'.

- On the second day - **Friday 15 October** - the invitees of 14 October will be joined by other participants, mainly from Dutch organisations and institutions engaged in the fight against human trafficking. The draft agenda is enclosed with this invitation and provides you with an impression of the key objectives of this session.

Your participation at the conference on 14 & 15 October would be greatly appreciated. Kindly register at

www.justitie.nl/humantrafficking14and15october

no later than **Friday 3 September 2010**. Please note, however, that the number of places available on both days is limited and participants will be registered on a first come, first serve basis. We would ask you to indicate which workshop you would prefer to attend on 15 October when you register. After registering, you will receive practical information regarding the meetings in due course. Also, note that the official language of the conference is English and no interpreters will attend.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,



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