“HUMAN TRAFFICKING OF ASIAN CITIZENS INTO THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE”

San Diego, California
May 21-22, 2007

DRAFT AGENDA

**Monday, May 21**

08:00 – 09:00 Registration of Participants

09:00 – 9:45 Welcome and Inauguration

- Representative of the Organization of American States
- Representative of Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition
- Representative of the International Labor Organization

9:45 – 10:45 Introduction: Understanding the Trafficking of Asian Citizens into the Western Hemisphere

- “Asian Migration throughout the Centuries in the Western Hemisphere”, Mr. Ramón Mon, Catholic University Santa Maria La Antigua, Panamá
- “Human Trafficking from Asia into the Americas: Routes and Policies – A Hemispheric Perspective”, Mr. Mark Taylor, Senior Coordinator from the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (G/TIP), U.S. Department of State, U.S.A.

10:45 – 11:00 Discussion
11:00 – 11:15  Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:35  Panel Discussion: Trafficking of Asian Citizens into the Western Hemisphere: The Asian Perspective  
Moderator: Mr. He Yifan, Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China

- “Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons: The People’s Republic of China”, Ms. Yuan Su, Police Superintendent Class I, Exit-Entry Administration Department, Ministry of Public Security, People’s Republic of China
- “Trafficking of Asian Citizens into the Western Hemisphere: The Philippines Perspective”, Mr. Dante Ang, Chairman Board of Commissioners, Commission on Filipinos Overseas, The Philippines
- “Trafficking of Korean Citizens into the Americas: Governmental Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons”, Ms. Young-Sook Cho, President of the Center for Women’s Human Rights of Korea, Korea

12:35 – 13:00  Discussion

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch

14:30 – 15:15  Specific Destinations into the Western Hemisphere

- “Irregular Migration and Human Trafficking to Canada from Asia”, Ms. Nancy Mackay-Dietrich, Senior Analyst, Border Services Agency; and Constable D. Park, Regional Coordinator, Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada
- “Trafficking of Asian Nationals into the US”, Mr. Brian A. Michael, Director of the Human Smuggling and Trafficking Center, U.S.A.

15:15 – 15:30  Discussion

15:30-15:45  Coffee Break

15:45-17:05  Panel Discussion: Trafficking of Asian Citizens into the Western Hemisphere: The Americas Perspective  
Moderator: Mr. Carlos Morera Flores, Director of the Department of Criminal Investigations, Costa Rica

- “Asian Trafficking in Central America: Transit Countries”, Mr. Mario Zamora, Director of the Department of Immigration of Costa Rica
- “The Caribbean Region and the Trafficking of Asian Nationals”, Mr. John McKinnon, Ministry of National Security of Antigua and Barbuda
- “Trafficking of Asian Nationals into the Southern Cone”, Ms. Alicia Mastandrea, President of the Commission of Industry and Trade, Senate of Argentina
“Trafficking of Asian Citizens in Suriname”, Mr. Chandrikapersad Santokhi, Minister of Justice and Police, Suriname

17:05 – 17:30 Discussion

Tuesday, May 22

9:00 – 10:30 Panel Discussion: The Role of International Organizations and Civil Society: Combating Trans-Pacific Trafficking in Persons
Moderator: Ms. Alison August Treppel, Senior Special, Department of Public Security, Organization of American States

- “Combating Forced Labor and Human Trafficking: the Vietnam Experience”, Mr. Nguyen Hoang Ha, Program Officer, International Labor Organization, Vietnam
- “Asian Sex Trafficking Networks in the US and Regional Transportation Routes”, Mr. Bradley Myles, National Program Director, The Polaris Project, U.S.A.
- “Patterns of Human Trafficking between Asia and the Americas: Confronting the Information Gap”, Mr. Martin Fowke, Office of Crime Prevention, United Nations Organization against Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Austria

10:30 – 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 11:45 “Identifying and Processing Organized Crime: the Pekin Case”, Mr. Carlos Morera Flores, Director of the Department of Criminal Investigations, Costa Rica

11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 13:30 Formation for Working Groups / Lunch

13:30 – 15:30 Working Groups Discussion “Closing the Gap: Mechanisms to Combat Trafficking in Persons between Asia and the Americas”. Ms. Kim Cowan, Policy Advisor of the International Crime Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45 Presentation of Recommendations by Ms. Kim Cowan, Policy Advisor of the International Crime Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada

16:45 – 17:00 Closing Remarks

- Representative of the Organization of American States