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Human trafficking, in particular trafficking in minors and young women, for the purpose of sexual exploitation has become over the years one of the main illegal markets worldwide. Italy, a country of destination but also a transit one, is located at the crossroads of two large-scale migration flows, on both the East-West axis as well as on the North-South one.

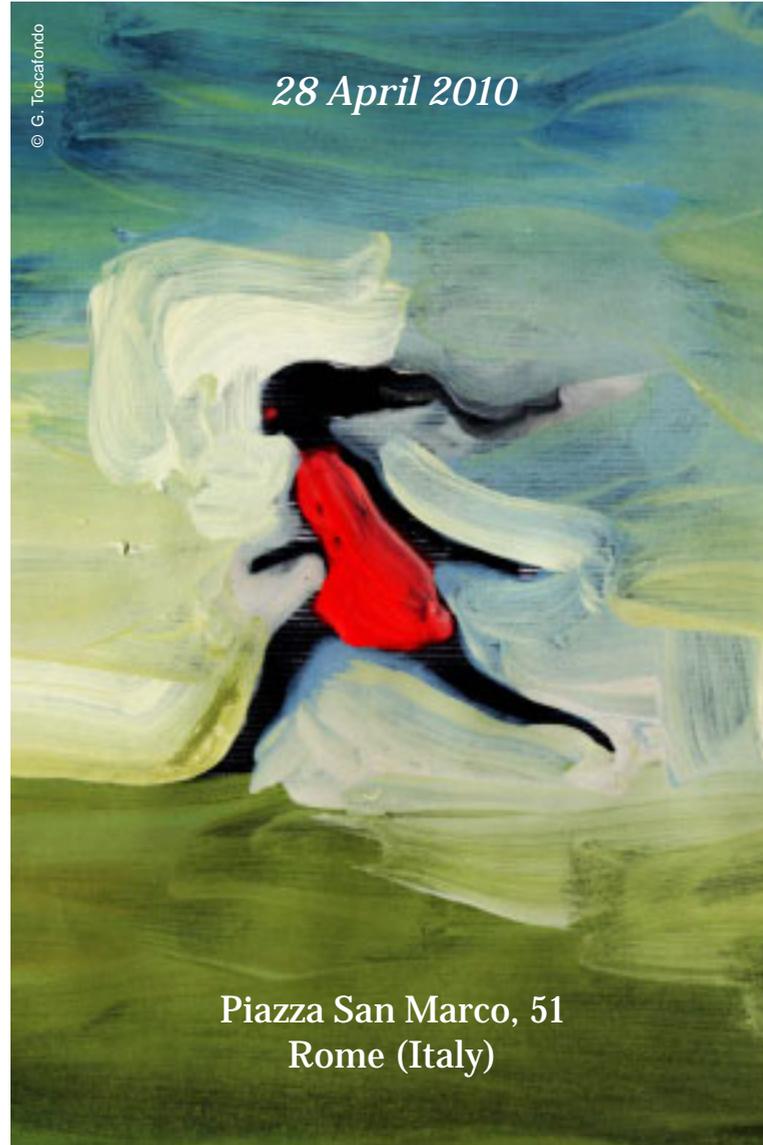
The extreme ease with which criminal groups adapt to the ever changing globalized international environment, their promptness and dynamism in establishing contacts with criminal groups in other countries, require similar flexibility by States and collaboration among law enforcement authorities, police and intelligence agencies across States boundaries in order to be able to effectively prevent and combat a phenomenon which very often has a transnational dimension.

Nigeria is one of the main origin countries for trafficking of women, often very young girls or even minors, for sexual exploitation in Europe and, in this specific case, in Italy. UNICRI has undertaken a number of initiatives to prevent and combat trafficking from Nigeria to Italy through a pilot project launched in 2002 that lasted for 18 months. This was then followed up by a programme, which started in 2008, whose main results will be presented in Rome in occasion of an important international conference hosted by the Italian Society for International Organisation (SIOI).

The programme "Prevention and Combating Trafficking of Minors and Young Women from Nigeria into Italy," funded by the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is based on a multidisciplinary and multidimensional strategy, entailing measures to prevent and combat this crime, and to assist victims in the origin country. In addition important activities have been carried out in support to the Nigerian National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in Persons (NAPTIP) which played a crucial role in the implementation of the programme.

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**International Cooperation
in the Fight against Trafficking
of Nigerian Minors
and Young Women to Italy**

MORNING SESSION

9.00 Registration of participants

9.30 Welcome remarks

Ambassador Umberto La Rocca, President of the Italian Society for International Organization, SIOI

Min. Plen. Mario Sammartino, Deputy Director Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Cons. Simonetta Matone, Italian Ministry of Equal Opportunities

H.E. Crown Prince Eheneden Erediauwa, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Italy

Ms. Dagmar Thomas, Resident Representative UNODC Office in Nigeria

Ms. Angela Patrignani, Head Global Crimes Unit, UNICRI

10.00 Introduction and overview of the Programme

Ms. Vittoria Luda di Cortemiglia, UNICRI Focal Point on Human Trafficking

10.10 Nigeria's response to human trafficking by the National Agency for the Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons (NAPTIP)

Mr. Simon Chuzi Egede, NAPTIP Executive Secretary

10.30 International judicial cooperation in the fight against human trafficking

Mr. Giusto Sciacchitano, Prosecutor of the Italian National Antimafia Bureau

10.45 Outcomes of the investigative information system used by the NAPTIP National Monitoring Center

Mr. Muhammad Babandede, NAPTIP Director of Investigation and Monitoring

Mr. Francesco Rosati, SetecoCM

11.15 Coffee break

11.30 Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Prevention through activities of women empowerment in the Edo State

Mr. Josiah Oluchi Emerole, NAPTIP Focal Person for the programme

Mr. Roland Nwoha, Edo State Coalition against Trafficking in Persons (ENCATIP)

12.00 UNICRI/NAPTIP joint reportage on trafficking in persons

Ms. Dania Cossa, Journalist

12.30 Open discussion on good practices and ways ahead

13.15 Lunch break

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.30 Human trafficking preventive measures through awareness campaigns in the Edo State

Ms. Jane Evbade Osagie, Representative of ENCATIP

14.45 Presentation of the research "Trafficking of Nigerian girls in Italy. The data, the stories, the social services"

Prof. Francesco Carchedi, Scientific Director of PARSEC Association

15.00 Experiences and Lessons Learned from the Italian and International NGO Network for the assistance to human trafficking victims from Nigeria

Ms. Rosanna Paradiso, President of Tampep Association

Ms. Kalliopi Pagoni, Attorney-at-Law, Greece

15.45 Presentations on good practices from regional authorities in assisting trafficking victims

Mr. Maurizio Braglia, Region Emilia-Romagna

16.00 Open discussion on the future of combating human trafficking

17.00 Closing remarks

Ms. Angela Patrignani, UNICRI Head of the Global Crimes Unit