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**Issue: Strengthening International Cooperation to Combat  
Human Trafficking in the Middle Eastern and  
Mediterranean Area**

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## Personal Introduction

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Hi everyone,

My name is Demetra and I am Greek Cypriot. It is my honour to serve as the co-chair of GA3 at CalsMUN 2022! I am an individual who is extremely passionate about public speaking, MUNs and debate. Having attended 5 MUN conferences and debated with the Dutch National Debate Selection, I am confident that alongside Letty, our committee at CalsMUN will be a big success and that the debates will be a lot of fun. I am an A level student at the British School in the Netherlands and I study history, politics, economics and Spanish, with the goal of studying law at university. When I'm not debating, you can find me watching Netflix or playing tennis.

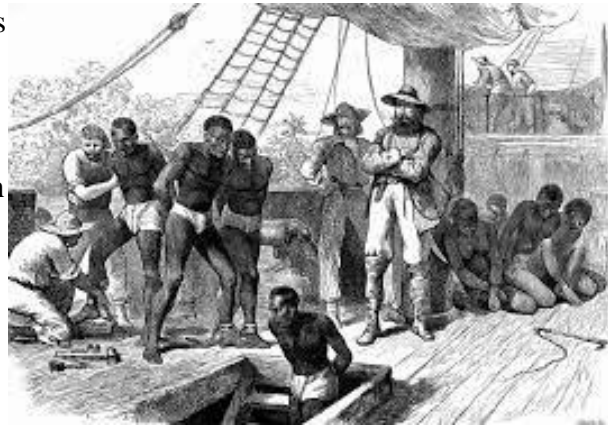




## Introduction

Human Trafficking is a paramount issue as it is not only a regional problem but a global one.

Human trafficking dates back to the Trans-Atlantic trade and the African slave trades with American and European continents being involved as potential buyers. Unfortunately even in 2022 we still see traces of human trafficking and slavery such as: forced labour, sexual enslavement, drug cultivation, theft and more.



Human trafficking and slavery specifically in the Middle East and the Mediterranean area include: sexual enslavement, forced prostitution, labour, and forced camel jockeying of young boys. This is an urgent problem as in 2018 alone there were 1887 reported human trafficking cases in the Middle East.

Even though many NGOs and other organizations have made some progress in this field it has not been enough to stop the problem at its roots and we still deal with this issue daily. human trafficking used to be done mainly through organizations and people in real life however as technology has developed human trafficking is also now being done through various social medias, online chatrooms and other websites.



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## Definition of Key Terms

### Human Trafficking

The trade of humans, for forced labour, sexual slavery, or commercial sexual exploitation for the trafficker or others.

### Smuggling

To illegally, secretly import or export goods or various things without paying any particular statutory tariffs.

### Migration

The seasonal movement of either people or animals from one region or area to another.

### Migrants

A person who moves regularly in order to find work especially in harvesting crops.

### White Slavery

A women or a girl held unwillingly for purposes of commercial prostitution.

### Tariff

Tariff is customs duty or tax levied on imports of merchandise goods.



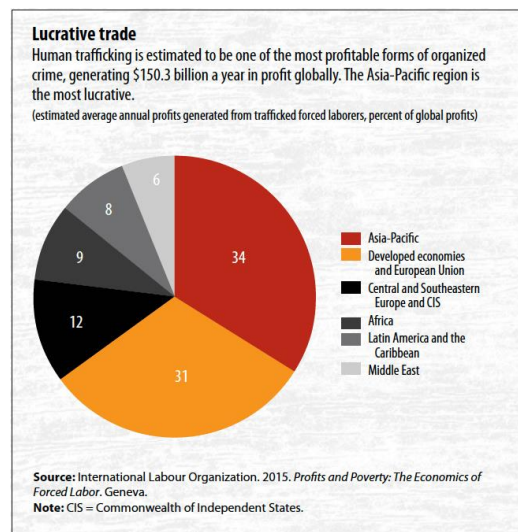
## General Overview

Human trafficking and slavery dates back prior to 1200, when European and American continents would be potential buyers for slaves and trafficking. One of the most famous trades is the Atlantic Slave Trade also known as the Euro - American Trade or the Transatlantic Slave Trade. This trade was considered legal and it was between Europe, Africa and America. Ships cruised from Europe to Africa carrying products like pots, dish, weapons and liquor to be exchanged.

There is also a rather new type of slavery called “modern slavery”, over the past two decades there has been expanding information and mindfulness that subjugation still exists over the world. Modern slavery consists of two parts: means and service. Modern slavery is holding somebody through implies of real physical and mental savagery to make them give a benefit for advantage. This benefit/service might be sexual or criminal work.

Trafficked people and youth in the Middle East are often used in forced labour, mining etc. They are forced to work long hours and are usually paid below the minimum wage limit or, in most cases, not even get paid. Additionally, the Kafala System, established during the early 20th Century, is a prominent mechanism of human trafficking used in the Middle East.

Unfortunately, human trafficking is one of the most profitable organizations, in 2018 the estimated yearly profit was about 150 billion U.S Dollars. The graph indicates the estimated yearly profits generated from trafficked constrained laborers, percent of global profits.





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## Major Parties Involved

### Organisations

#### **Called to Rescue**

Called to Rescue is a non-profit organization established in 2015 that helps rescue children missing, abused, or trafficked. As of now they have helped over 1400 children from being abused and sex trafficking.

#### **Amnesty International**

Launched in 1961 by Peter Benson who is a British Lawyer and it was Peter's initial intention to dispatch an appeal in Britain with the point of getting an amnesty for detainees of soul all over the world and with this goal in mind he had started an extraordinary social change.

#### **Anti-Slavery International**

Founded in 1839 Anti-Slavery International is an international NGO aiming to "realise freedom from slavery for everyone, everywhere, always."

#### **GLO.ACT**

Global Action against in Persons and the Smuggling of Migrants also known as GLO.ACT is a four year joint initiative project by the European Union and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) partnering alongside with the the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in four different countries. These are: Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of Iraq and Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

#### **Free The Slaves**

Free The Slaves is an international NGO established in 2000, aims to change the conditions that allow modern slavery to exist. They help those in slavery escape the brutality of bondage.

#### **Anti-Trafficking Program**

The Program collects and examinations actualities in arrange to enhance its topical mastery and to guarantee the discharge of significant and satisfactory items.



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**ICE (U.S Immigrations and Customs Enforcement)**

ICE's aim is to protect America from the cross-border wrongdoing and unlawful immigration that undermine national security and public security.



## Countries

### Tunisia

Tunisia is one of the countries that is making progress about trying to stop human trafficking. In July 2019 Tunisia put out a law in order to identify victims of human trafficking. They also have a new punishment of 10 years in prison and a 50,000 Tunisian dinar fine, or \$16,620 USD for cases with adult victims. The trafficking victims are able to receive both medical and legal assistance.

*The link below has more information regarding human trafficking in Tunisia:*

<https://borgenproject.org/human-trafficking-in-tunisia/>

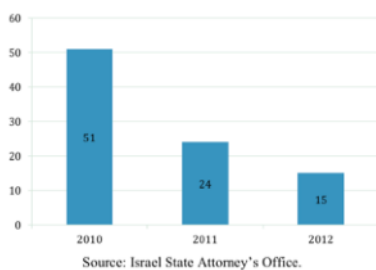
### United States of America

As one of the leading countries in the world, America had over 570 cases in 2020. The number of cases filed have also increased by %11 from 2019 to 2020. In 2020 83% of the active sex trafficking that involved the internet as the primary method of solicitation.

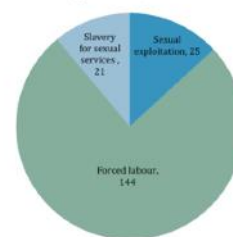
### Israel

The two graphs down below showcase: the number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in person from 2010 until 2012, the numbers of victims referred to the shelters Ma'agan and Atlas by the Police by different forms of exploitation from 2010 to 2012.

Number of persons prosecuted for trafficking in persons, 2010-2012



Number of victims referred to the shelters Ma'agan and Atlas by the Police, by form of exploitation, 2010-2012







## **Pakistan**

Pakistan is riddled with many human trafficking issues, with one example being people from Bangladesh, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan being smuggled into the country. In 2020 the country established a new called the Zainab Alert Act 2020. This law hopes to create an institutional response system which will build a framework of ‘alerts’ in case of child abduction/missing.

*The link below goes in depth about solutions to solve human trafficking in Pakistan*

[https://www.unodc.org/documents/pakistan//2020.1.14\\_National\\_Action\\_Plan\\_to\\_Combat\\_Trafficking\\_in\\_Persons\\_and\\_Smuggling\\_of\\_Migrants.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/pakistan//2020.1.14_National_Action_Plan_to_Combat_Trafficking_in_Persons_and_Smuggling_of_Migrants.pdf)

## **Egypt**

Egypt sadly does not completely meet the minimum requirement in order to eliminate trafficking. However the government is making noteworthy efforts, these efforts include: a modern specialized shield for female and child trafficking casualties, expanding indictments, and growing endeavours to prepare authorities and raise open mindfulness

## **Lebanon**

In Lebanon human trafficking has developed more into sex work. Fortunately starting in September 2011, the current enactment on trafficking in people in Lebanon covers all shapes of abuse demonstrated within the UN Trafficking Convention.



## Timeline of Key Events

Date	Description of Event
16 <sup>th</sup> Century - 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	Atlantic Slave Trade also known as the Transatlantic Slave Trade is a three legged process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Slavers sailed from the European ports while carrying manufactured items.</li><li>2. Slavers then traded these items/goods for the slaves on the African Coast</li><li>3. Slavers sailed to the New World, sold their prisoners and finally returned to Europe</li></ol>
May 8th 1904	
July 25th 1951	The United Nations Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others was put into action
1955	The Beijing Platform for Action adopted by the Fourth World Conference on Women took place and required the effective suppression of trafficking in women and girls for the sex trade
2000	The U.S Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA)
2018	The 4 year GLO.ACT project started
2020	Pakistan established a new law: The Zainab Alert Act 2020



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## Previous Attempts to Resolve the Issue

Previous attempts include various different UN resolutions and meetings aiming to come up with ways to eliminate human trafficking in the Mediterranean region and global, strengthening criminal justice responses.

*For example:*

- The 2nd meeting of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation Group specifically touches on the issues stated in the previous sentence.
- Resolution 2323 (2020) - Concerted action against human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants.
- Resolution 1922 - Trafficking of migrants worker for forced labour. The resolutions was voted in favor by 39 countries, the resolution proposed to provide appropriate information to potential migrants, step up co-operation, including cross-border co-operation, between the law enforcement authorities.
- In 2021 DHS or the U.S Department established the Center for Countering Human Trafficking (CCHT), a DHS-wide exertion driven by ICE Homeland Security Examinations (HSI). It is devoted to adjusting DHS's capabilities and skill to development counter human trafficking law requirement operations, secure casualties, and upgrade anticipation endeavours.
- DHS also has a Blue Campaign, it teaches the public, law authorization, non-governmental organizations, and other partners through associations, promotions, and social media almost the pointers of human trafficking and how to report it.



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## Possible Solutions

These solutions will obviously not solve this issue overnight but hopefully Possible solutions include:

### 1. Meetings and assistance

- ❖ All countries especially the Middle East and the Mediterranean Countries specific should hold mandatory annual meetings
- ❖ These meetings are going to be monitored by UN and UNODC officials.
- ❖ The meetings will include presentations about human trafficking and how to help the victims. There will also be guidance counsellors and meetings

### 2. Strengthening International cooperation

- ❖ The UN will have meetings once every two months with all of its member states to discuss their trafficking rates, the measures implemented to lower them and
- ❖ In collaboration with UNICEF, UNODOC must add classes regarding human trafficking and what do in a trafficking situation to the schools curricula.
- ❖ Various different organizations and NGO's will come together annually to discuss ways to help countries in the Middle East and the Mediterranean area; the organizations can help by providing additional resources and help to the victims and to those in need.



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