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Conference "Churches addressing Trafficking in Human Beings"

"Constantinos the Great" Hotel Paralimni-Protaras/ Cyprus
Wednesday 8th October 2008
on the Occasion of the 17th CCME General Assembly
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9.00 **Registration**

9.30 **Opening and welcome**

- H.B. Chrysostomos II Archbishop of New Justiania and all Cyprus

- Rev. Arlington Trotman, CCME moderator

10.00 **A Human Rights Framework for combating trafficking in Human Beings**

- In national perspective: Mr. Neoklis Sylikiotis, Minister of the Interior, Government of Cyprus (tbc)

- In a European perspective: Mr. Kent Olsson, Chair of the Sub-Committee on Trafficking in Human Beings of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

10.40 **Trafficking in Human Beings – a challenge for the churches in Europe**

Witnesses from across Europe

- Cyprus: Father Sawas Michaelides, Parish priest of the Russian Orthodox Church Limassol and founder of first shelter for trafficked women

- Romania: from trafficking for sexual exploitation to forced labour, Mr Cosmin Grigorescu, Executive Director, Filantropia Federation Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate

- Forced labour: Italy case study: Ms Franca di Lecce, Director Refugee & Migrant Service Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy

11.30 **Break**

11.45 **Trafficking in Human Beings – a growing commitment from the European ecumenical movement**

- 1997-2002: 2nd European Ecumenical Assembly Graz and Conference of European Churches´ workshop Driebergen (1999): Ms Elena Timofticiuc, Programme Director AIDRom and Co-President Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women

- Since 2002: CCME´s Christian action and networking against trafficking (CAT) project and other work: Ms Maria Papantoniou-Frangouli, Sociologist Reintegration Centre for Migrant Workers, Church of Greece

12.30 Lunch break

14.30 Future orientation for churches´ work against trafficking in Europe

- Discussion of a draft for a CCME position paper (to be adopted by CCME General Assembly)

16.00 Conclusions

16.30 End