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RESOLUTION ON THE TRADE IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

-adopted unanimously-

The Assembly of European Regions at its General Assembly in Seinäjoki, South Ostrobothnia declares its strong criticism of and concern about the trade in 500 000 women and children from Eastern and Central European Regions to the Western parts of Europe.

This criminal activity is a result of the socioeconomic situation in some parts of Europe. Young women, often well educated, are being promised a prosperous future by the dealers, who often belong to maffialike organisations. When arriving, their passports are being confiscated. The girls are exploited and they end up in sex clubs without possibilities to return home.

This criminal trade with human beings is growing and is now estimated to make just as big amounts of revenue as the trade in weapons and in drugs.

The AER wants to highlight this tragic problem and make the public and the decision makers aware of it.

The AER also urges the nations to treat this problem in a serious manner and without delay act against the trade of women and children that in fact is going on right in front of our eyes.