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WELCOMING REMARKS

Aaron Marcu, Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

Kateryna Ryabiko, First Deputy Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

OPENING REMARKS

Åsa Regnér, Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women

PANEL MODERATORS

Ruchira Gupta, Board Member, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women

Tatiana Kotlyarenko, Anti-Human Trafficking Advisor, ODIHR

PANELISTS

Purna Sen, Visiting Professor at the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit, London Metropolitan University; former Director of Policy Division, UN Women

Fawzia Koofi, Former Second Deputy Speaker of the Parliament in Afghanistan; former Chairperson of the Afghan Government's Women, Civil Society, and Human Rights Commission; Women's Rights Activist

Niat Amare, Senior Immigration Specialist, Immigration Intervention Project, Sanctuary for Families

Malaika Oringo, Founder and CEO of Footprint to Freedom, Uganda

Mykola Kuleba, Founder, Save Ukraine; former Ombudsman for Children of the President of Ukraine

Tatiana Kotlyarenko, Anti-Human Trafficking Advisor, ODIHR

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ruchira Gupta, Board Member, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women

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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Aaron Marcu is a partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where he focuses on the defense of white-collar criminal and regulatory enforcement investigations and related civil litigation. He is on the Board of Directors of the Legal Aid Society, the Board of Visitors of Northwestern University College of Arts & Sciences, and the boards of trustees of New York Blood Center, New York Public Radio, the Federal Bar Council, and the New York Council of Defense Lawyers.

Kateryna Ryabiko is First Deputy Director of OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), which provides support, assistance, and expertise to participating States and civil society to promote democracy, rule of law, human rights, and tolerance and non-discrimination.

Åsa Regnér is Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations and Deputy Executive Director of UN Women. She served since 2014 as Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden, where her focus was on concrete results in the implementation of Swedish gender equality policies as well as a shift towards prevention of violence against women and the involvement of men and boys in gender equality work. She previously served as UN Women Country Director in Bolivia (2013-2014) and Secretary-General of Riksförbundet för sexuell upplysning, Swedish International Planned Parenthood Federation branch.

Ruchira Gupta is a member of the Board of Directors of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, an international nongovernmental organization working to end sex trafficking and related forms of commercial sexual exploitation. She is also Founder-President of Apne Aap Women Worldwide, a nongovernmental organization based in India working to lift marginalized women and girls out of systems of sexual abuse and exploitation. Ms. Gupta was awarded the News & Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Investigative Journalism in 1997 for her path-breaking documentary *The Selling of Innocents*, a searing expose of the sex trafficking of vulnerable girls into the Indian sex trafficking industry. She has written for The Telegraph, The Sunday Observer, Business India magazine, and the BBC.

Tatiana Kotlyarenko is the Advisor on Anti-Trafficking Issues at OSCE/ODIHR, where she provides technical support and capacity building to combat trafficking in human beings to OSCE participating states. She was responsible for the update of the "National Referral Mechanisms – Joining Efforts to Protect the Rights of Trafficked Persons: A Practical Handbook." Ms. Kotlyarenko was the founder and Executive Director of the Enslavement Prevention Alliance – West Africa in Ghana where she worked to raise awareness of, generate visibility about, and ensure assistance to vulnerable populations experiencing and at risk of human trafficking.

Purna Sen is Visiting Professor at the Child and Woman Abuse Studies Unit at London Metropolitan University, where her work focuses on work to end violence against women. She has worked extensively on inequalities and the pursuit of human rights, including as Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Affairs at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) where she also taught gender and development, as Head of Human Rights for the Commonwealth Secretariat and as Director for the Asia-Pacific Programme at Amnesty International. From 2015-2020, she worked at UN Women as Director of the Policy Division and as the Executive Coordinator and Spokesperson on addressing sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination.

Fawzia Koofi is a groundbreaking Afghan political leader and women's rights activist, in exile since the Taliban returned to power last year. She was the first woman in the Afghan parliament to be elected as Second Deputy Speaker and served as Chairperson of the Afghan Government's Women, Civil Society and Human Rights Commission. In 2020, she was part of the 21-member team representing the government of Afghanistan amid the rapid advance of the Taliban, during which she survived her second assassination attempt. She was on the forefront of educating the international community about the consequences for her, other advocates, and Afghani women generally of the withdrawal of the international community and their security forces.

Niat Amare is an Ethiopian lawyer and gender violence expert and Senior Immigration Specialist at Sanctuary for Families' Immigration Intervention Project, where she addresses the immigration legal needs of survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and related forms of gender-based violence. She also leads community-based outreach and education efforts, with a special focus on New York City's Ethiopian community. Prior to joining Sanctuary for Families, she served as a legal advocate at African Services Committee, representing immigrant refugees in their immigration matters and coordinating citywide Black immigrant engagement initiatives.

Malaika Oringo is the founder and CEO of Uganda-based Footprint to Freedom, a survivor-led organization that believes the only way to eradicate human trafficking is by giving survivors a voice and the opportunity to lead. She is also a member of the International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC). She has been intensively involved in the fight to prevent and combat human trafficking as a representative of the Salvation Army at the European Union Affairs Office in Brussels. Ms. Oringo has special expertise in human trafficking in her home country, Uganda, as well as in the neighbouring countries of Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania and Burundi. Her East Africa Programme supports survivors of human trafficking who have returned home to reclaim their lives.

Mykola Kuleba is the founder of the charitable foundation "Save Ukraine," which provides evacuation, humanitarian aid, and housing to families and children in the Ukrainian war zone, and has been recognized by the United Nations and included in its Humanitarian Response Plans. Mr. Kuleba served as Ombudsman for Children for the President of Ukraine from 2014 to 2021. Previously, he served as Head of the Office for Children's Affairs of the executive body of Kyiv City Council, where he drafted Ukraine's first policy on the protection of children and opened its first City Center for Children.



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