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OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

on sexual exploitation and prostitution and its impact on gender equality
(2013/2103(INI))

Rapporteur: Corina Crețu

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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Development calls on the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Notes that the root causes of human trafficking and sexual exploitation are inequality between men and women and poverty, compounded by ethnic and other socio-economic inequalities, as well as armed conflicts, and that the main victims are women and children of low socio-economic status;
2. Highlights the fact that special attention should be given to the most vulnerable groups, such as girls, children with disabilities and women belonging to minority groups;
3. Points out that corruption plays an important role in facilitating and fostering human trafficking;
4. Notes that sexual exploitation is a form of gender-based violence, perpetrated mostly by men and mostly against women, and thus emphasises that the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls is of paramount importance for reducing these extreme violations of human rights;
5. Calls on the EU, international organisations, national governments and other relevant parties to cooperate at EU level in the creation of a common framework of provisions on action to combat the underlying causes, criminalisation (including that of the purchase of sexual services), sanctions and improved cross-border cooperation on protection from sexual abuse and exploitation;
6. Underlines the importance of taking the fear of stigmatisation into account when designing national policies and strategies on judicial assistance in developing countries as well as in all countries where human trafficking and sexual exploitation are taking place, and expresses its concern regarding the lack of effective legal services to which cases of abuse can be reported, especially during humanitarian crises;
7. Calls on the EU and its Member States to develop actions to put an end to sex tourism from EU Member States to other destinations;
8. Emphasises that measures to combat sexual exploitation and prostitution should focus on war-affected areas, in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions 1325 of 31 October 2000 and 1820 of 19 June 2008;
9. Calls on the EU and its Member States to discourage the demand for exploitation through prostitution and human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

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| Date adopted | 2.12.2013 |
| Result of final vote | +: 20 -: 1 0: 0 |
| Members present for the final vote | Ricardo Cortés Lastra, Charles Goerens, Filip Kaczmarek, Gay Mitchell, Norbert Neuser, Bill Newton Dunn, Maurice Ponga, Jean Roatta, Michèle Striffler, Alf Svensson, Keith Taylor, Patrice Tirolien |
| Substitute(s) present for the final vote | Emer Costello, Agustín Díaz de Mera García Consuegra, Fiona Hall, Eduard Kukan, Bart Staes, Jan Zahradil |
| Substitute(s) under Rule 187(2) present for the final vote | Fabrizio Bertot, Tanja Fajon, Miroslav Mikolášik |