



Follow-up

UBC Statement against trafficking of women and children

At the 45th UBC executive board meeting in Kaunas in 2006 a statement against trafficking of women and children was adopted. It stated that trafficking and prostitution is an act of men's violence to women and therefore reinforces gender inequality.

The issue of human trafficking is an increasing problem and a concern for all the UBC member cities. The 2006 statement encourages the member cities to act both with words and with action against trafficking and by doing so working for women's and men's possibilities to have power and influence to take decisions in their own lives and the society that they live in.

Most countries in the Baltic Sea region have introduced national anti-trafficking programs and National Action Plans and/or other tools.

The UBC executive board meeting in Tampere would like to follow-up on the action of the statement as a way of empowering the work being done and as a way of sharing good practice and knowledge.

The executive board would like the member cities to answer the following two questions:

- What action has been taken by your city in combating trafficking of women and children since 2006?
- Does your city have an action plan for working with gender equality and/or trafficking in women and children?

Please send your answers to the the UBC secretariat by the 1st of august 2014. The answers will be compiled and presented at the UBC executive board meeting in the autumn of 2014.

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