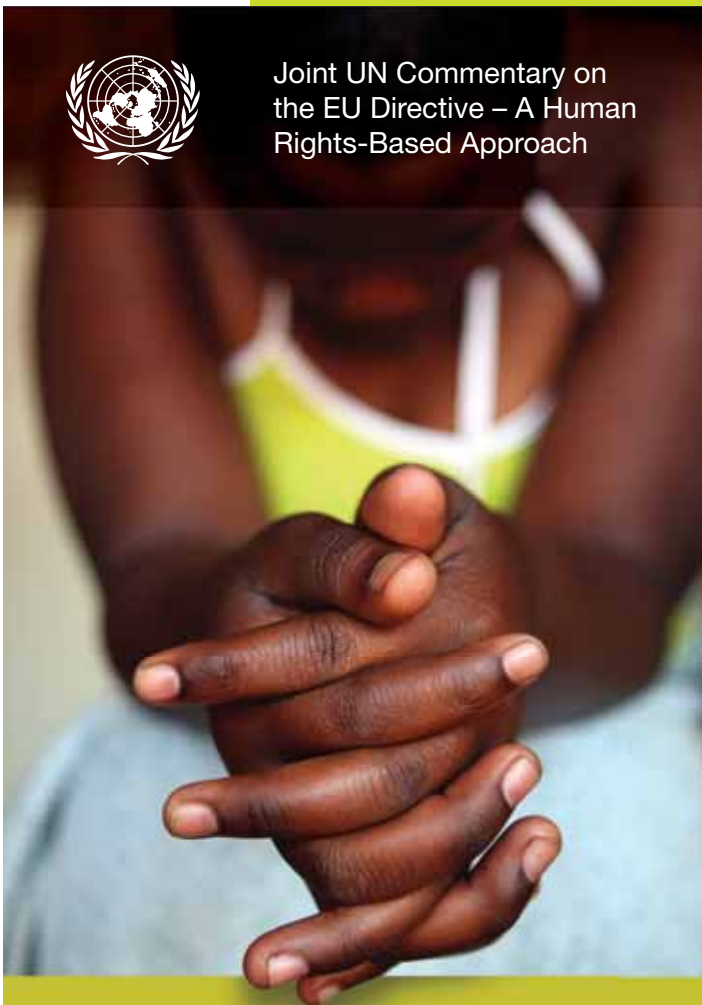


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Human Trafficking



Joint UN Commentary on
the EU Directive – A Human
Rights-Based Approach



To support the transposition of the EU Directive to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and protect its victims, the Joint UN Commentary promotes a human rights-based approach with a gender and child sensitive dimension. Based on relevant international and regional standards, the Joint UN Commentary provides guidance to policy-makers and legislators in EU Member States on key articles of the Directive, and makes recommendations for the transposition and implementation of the Directive.

Human Trafficking is a complex phenomenon in constant evolution. It is both a crime and a human rights violation. Victims of trafficking may be coerced into sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic servitude or other forms of exploitation. Women and children are particularly vulnerable to recruitment by traffickers, who may also capitalize on the desperation of refugees and asylum-seekers to reach a safe haven. Victims may be EU citizens or nationals of other countries.

In 2011, the European Union adopted a Directive to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and protect its victims. Member States are now required to transpose the provisions of the Directive into their national legislation. In order to provide guidance to Member States during this transposition process, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) have produced a legal commentary of the Directive with a human rights-based approach. The Joint UN Commentary puts human rights at the centre of all the efforts, and specifically highlights the child and gender dimensions of trafficking.



The full text of the commentary is available at:



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