“The Connections between undocumented immigration and trafficking of women: global and regional trends and challenges”

**Event objectives:**

- Share the views of experts from around the world about the connection between illegal immigration and the trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, especially that of girls and women, widely considered the slavery of the twenty-first century. Thousands, from rural areas, are captured and exploited by organized crime through deceit, threats and many of those whose illegal status is used as leverage to guarantee silence.

- Take advantage of the presence of delegates from around the world at the United Nations headquarters for the CSW60, to illustrate how the legislative changes and the involvement of forces and security forces in the fight against organized crime engaged in trafficking and trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation, are the most effective tools to stop this scourge.

**Day and time:** March 14th, 2016 11:30 - 12:45 PM (1 hour 15 minutes)

**Venue:** Conference Room 11, United Nations Headquarters, New York

- **Panelists:**
  - Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, General Rapporteur on violence against women Council of Europe Parliament (PACE).
  - Ms. Carmen Moreno, Executive Secretary, Permanent Secretariat, Inter-American Commission of Women. Organization of American States – OAS.
  - Ms Carmen Quintanilla, Member of the Spanish Parliament and Vice President of the Parliament’s 1st Commission on Equality. President of Afammer (Association of Families and Women in Rural Areas)
  - Ms. Águeda Marín, Regional Specialist on Counter Trafficking and Assisted Voluntary Returns. International Organization for Migration. IOM
  - Ms. Linda Witong, President of the Marin County Chapter of Soroptimist International of America. Former Deputy District Attorney and member of the Anti-Trafficking Coalition (Marin County).
  - Ms. Florence von Erb, AFAMMER United Nations and USA Representative.
  - Ms. Susana Camarero, Social Services and Equality Secretary of State of the Spanish Government.
  - **Moderator:** Mr. Luis Mora, Chief - Gender, Human Rights and Culture. Technical Division, UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund).

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