

Using Legal and other International Instruments to Combat the Trafficking in Women and Children

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There is a global consensus on the criminality of human trafficking, whether it be women or children. That there are existing international instruments and local legislation is testament to an effort to curb this dehumanizing condition. The Author discusses the factors which cultivate human trafficking and raises concerns about the complexity of the trafficking phenomenon.

Generally, push and pull factors involve economic working conditions. The risks are evaluated by a person and the response may be subject to exploitation and human trafficking. The various international legal instruments, declarations, regional instruments, bilateral agreements, and national laws are discussed in this Article. The Author focuses, however, on the Asia-Pacific Region.

Nevertheless, despite these instruments, problem areas remain with regard to enforcement, political will, and the efforts of destination countries themselves. There is still much to be done to curb the human trafficking of women and children.