

**THE NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE ON PEOPLE
TRAFFICKING**
Hosted by the Commonwealth Minister for Home Affairs

Monday, 23 June 2008
The Realm Hotel, National Circuit
Barton, Canberra

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the National Roundtable on People Trafficking (NRPT) is to strengthen Australia's response to people trafficking through a partnership between the Commonwealth Government and NGOs. The NRPT will seek to prevent trafficking, protect victims and prosecute offenders.

The NRPT will achieve this by:

- (a) Establishing a flexible network of stakeholders, from all sectors, that are committed to combating people trafficking
- (b) Facilitating collaboration, information sharing and open discussion between government and non-government sectors on current and emerging people-trafficking issues in the Australian context, including possible changes to Australia's Strategy to ensure it remains responsive to Australia's unique position and experience in the region
- (c) Establishing a community consultative mechanism to enable the Government to develop and test relevant policies and ensure that the non-government sector is a key part of the policy development process, and
- (d) Facilitate an understanding of Australia's regional and international efforts to combat trafficking especially through established bilateral and multilateral forums and regional aid initiatives.

GOVERNANCE

The NRPT will be convened by the Minister for Home Affairs in partnership with other participating Ministers.

In order to facilitate discussion, it is proposed that the NRPT will be conducted under the Chatham House Rule, which provides: *“When a meeting, or part thereof, is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.”*

MEMBERSHIP

The NRPT will comprise a flexible network of stakeholders who actively contribute to the fight against people trafficking or play an important role in developing Australia's anti-people trafficking strategy.

This includes:

- (a) Representatives from relevant trafficking-specific non-governmental organisations, service providers, victims of crime organisations, and employer and union representatives, including:
 - (i) Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans
 - (ii) Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - (iii) Australian Medical Association
 - (iv) Anti-Slavery Project
 - (v) Australian Women Lawyers Association
 - (vi) Australian Workers Union
 - (vii) Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
 - (viii) Law Council of Australia
 - (ix) National Association of Community Legal Centres
 - (x) National Association of Services Against Sexual Violence
 - (xi) Project Respect
 - (xii) Salvation Army
 - (xiii) Scarlet Alliance
 - (xiv) Sisters of Saint Joseph
 - (xv) Victim Support Australia, and

- (b) Representatives from the Commonwealth Government including members of the People Trafficking Interdepartmental Committee.

Membership of the network will be reviewed regularly to ensure responsiveness to current issues and emerging trends.

METHOD OF OPERATION

- (a) The NRPT will meet once a year. Additional meetings may be arranged if required.
- (b) The NRPT will be chaired by the Attorney-General's Department, which will also act as the Secretariat
- (c) An agenda for each NRPT will be prepared by the Attorney-General's Department and distributed to members

- (d) A summary record will be distributed by the Attorney-General's Department to all members within four weeks of each meeting, but prior to any subsequent meeting, and
- (e) The Attorney-General's Department will establish an email list of members, which can be accessed by members of the Roundtable to consult on issues as they emerge between meetings.

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