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## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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In two months, the World Cup as one tourism event will bring thousands of soccer fans to hotels in South Africa. That influx of people may also have the unintended consequence of creating opportunities for human trafficking.

It is good that a draft Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Bill was tabled in the South African Parliament on 16 March 2010 and is expected to come into law this year. Networking is going on to raise awareness in South Africa.

### At Home

Let us remind ourselves that of the 2.5 million estimated people trafficked worldwide 500,000 – 800,000 are trafficked within Europe

**Lobbying our elected leaders** in the upcoming election campaigns:

Ask candidates to make Human Trafficking a priority and use the full resources of our governments to stop it, including passing better legislation to protect and provide for the women caught in the rape trade. Ask them,

1. **What is your party's position on Trafficking in People?**
2. **How do you see the EU working to reduce demand for trafficking?**

*"The only way for evil to thrive is for good people to do nothing"*

*Edmond Burke.*

A new proposal to deal with human trafficking was put forward by the EU Home Affairs Commission on 29 March 2010 to build on a proposal made in 2009. The new rules would oblige member states to act on the three fronts of prosecution of human traffickers, protection of victims and prevention of the offences. It encourages sanctions against those who knowingly employ or buy services from trafficked persons. Further information is available on

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