

The following terms are definitions used by the United Nations global community that are related to human trafficking. These may be helpful when reading postings on this site ...

1. A CHILD is a human being under the age of 18 years
... UN *Convention on the Rights of the Child*
2. EXPLOITATION is the prostitution of others or other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour or services, slavery or practices similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of organs
... *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children*
3. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY is any representation, by whatever means, of a child engaged in real or simulated explicit sexual activities or any representation of the sexual parts of a child for primary sexual purposes; and,
CHILD PROSTITUTION is the use of the child in sexual activities for remuneration or any other form of consideration
... *The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (2000)*
4. TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS is recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by threat, force, coercion, abuse of power, position of vulnerability or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits ... for purpose of exploitation
... *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children*
5. TRAFFICKERS ... recruiters; transporters; those who exercise control over trafficked persons; those who transfer and/or maintain trafficked persons in exploitative situations; those involved in related crimes; and those who profit either directly or indirectly from trafficking, its component acts and related offences.
... *The report of the High Commissioner on Human Rights, "Recommended Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking"*
6. TORTURE ... The Committee Against Torture has recently considered specific forms of torture, including trafficking in women, as part of a gender-sensitive interpretation of the Convention and in particular torture as it is defined in Article 1: "any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as ...
... *The Convention Against Torture (1987, June 26)*
7. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW) ... any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts,

coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life ... physical, sexual and psychological violence occurring within the general community, including rape, sexual abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation at work, in educational institutions and elsewhere, trafficking in women and forced prostitution.

... The General Assembly
Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, Article 1 and 2

8. ORGANIZED CRIMINAL GROUP ... a structured group of three or more persons ... aim of committing one or more crimes ... in order to obtain, directly, or indirectly, a financial or other material benefit.

... UN *Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* (2000)