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Decision regarding the proposal to the competent Greek authorities to ratify: a) the CoE Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, and b) the Additional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, on the sale of children, children's prostitution and children's pornography

Although the aforementioned instruments originate from different international organisations, they, nonetheless, attempt to subject the alarming phenomenon of “human trafficking” to a stricter framework of legal regulations and sanctions. While the first addresses human trafficking in general, mainly on the European continent and in Southeastern Europe in particular, the second focuses on children's trafficking, the sale of children's organs, child prostitution, pornography and sex tourism. Both instruments complement pre-existing international and European legal texts and include monitoring mechanisms necessary for reaching the goals they set. Greece has already signed both conventions (on 17.11.2005 and on 07.09.2000, respectively), but has not yet ratified them. It is to be noted that a Memorandum of Co-operation regarding the distribution of roles and the co-ordination of action between state bodies and NGOs against human trafficking, was concluded among the Secretary-Generals of the Ministries of Health, Justice and Foreign Affairs. The NCHR recommends the ratification of the two conventions by Greece.

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