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<p>Comments on Bill titled ‘Combating Trafficking in Persons, Crimes against Sexual Freedom, Child Pornography and Generally Economic Exploitation of Sexual Life and Assistance to the Victims Thereof’</p>

The Commission submitted to the Greek authorities a series of substantive proposals regarding changes to the aforementioned Bill (later Law 3064/2002 and relevant Presidential Decree 233/2003), pursuant to the relevant protection standards agreed upon by the United Nations, the Council of Europe and the European Union. The main issues on which the Commission focused are:

- (a) The modification of the limited definition of the crime of trafficking included in the Bill;
- (b) The expansion of the means by which the victim’s consent may be obtained;
- (c) The necessary creation of a comprehensive legal and institutional framework for the effective legal and social aid to all trafficking victims, especially during the repatriation phase;
- (d) The extensive protection that should be provided to minors;
- (e) The criminalization of exploitation of prostitutes as profession.

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