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RECOMMENDATIONS concerning national and international Standards:

- The recommendations specified in the international documents concerning trafficking in women/ human trafficking must be implemented on national and international level
- Preventing exploitation and the violation of women's rights must be at the center of all interventions against trafficking in women.
- Trafficking in women is defined as "trafficking into all forms of labour exploitation". Still, trafficking in women is too many times seen as trafficking into sexual exploitation only.
- One important measure in preventing human trafficking is to grant migrants legal access to the local labour market.
- Labour rights must apply to everybody working in the country. Minimum standards must be developed in all sectors.
- The establishment of an independent rapporteur in each country also in Austria.
- Cooperation between and within Governmental Institutions, NGOs and International Organizations must be encouraged. Specialist in the area of human trafficking should be supported.
- Return and reintegration should be facilitated by Governmental Institutions in cooperation with NGOS (given that women want to return)
- Individuals dealing with victims of trafficking must be sensitized to the issue of trafficking in women and the situation of the victims. This goes in particular for police, military, health personnel, judiciary, media and interpreters.
- Another important preventive measure targeted at migrants is to provide them with access to reliable information about migration in general and their rights in particular. This right to information must be ensured in the country of origin as well as in the country of destination.

The rights of women and girls must be further strengthened:

- Victims of trafficking in women must be able to legally remain in the country and must be granted free access to the regular labour market. This is an important step towards social integration and supports the women's psychological and physical health.
- Women, who have been identified as victims of trafficking may not be criminalized. All charges held against them are to be dropped.
- Victims of trafficking are entitled to receiving compensation and the payment of lost income. The government should advance payment to the victim and recover expenses from the trafficker.
- Shifting of the burden of proof in cases under civil law: not the victim but the employer should have to proof his/her innocence.
- From the moment of identification of a victim of trafficking a woman should be given full access to all health services.



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- Labour unions should allow individuals and/or groups that have been excluded until now to join.
- NGOs should become more active in establishing support groups for domestic workers.
- The costs for education and leisure activities must be reduced for victims of human trafficking. Vocational training and educational careers completed in another country should be recognized in the country of destination.