



ARTICLE 4 – NO SLAVERY

“No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.”

- In northern Uganda, the LRA (Lord’s Resistance Army) guerillas have kidnapped 20,000 children over the past 20 years and forced them into service as soldiers or sexual slaves for the army.
- In Guinea-Bissau, children as young as 5 are trafficked out of the country to work in cotton fields in southern Senegal or as beggars in the capital city. In Ghana, children 5–14 are tricked into dangerous jobs in the fishing industry with false promises of education and jobs.
- In Asia, Japan is the major destination country for trafficked women, especially from the Philippines and Thailand. Also, UNICEF estimates 60,000 child prostitutes in the Philippines. The US State Department estimates 600,000 to 820,000 men, women and children are trafficked across international borders each year, likely a low estimate, half of whom are minors and including record numbers of women and girls fleeing from Iraq. In nearly all countries, including Canada, the US and the UK, deportation or harassment are the usual governmental responses, with no assistance services for the victims.
- In the Dominican Republic, the operations of a trafficking ring led to the deaths by asphyxiation of 25 Haitian migrant workers. In 2007, two civilians and two military officers received lenient prison sentences for their part in the operation. In Somalia in 2007, more than 1,400 displaced Somalis and Ethiopian nationals died at sea in trafficking operations.