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The republic of Cameroon is deeply involved and feels entirely concerned by the topic of human trafficking. Our country is a place where sources, transitions and destinations of a lot of human trafficking flows take place. By human trafficking, we mean “the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons, by means of the threat or use of force or other forms of coercion, of abduction, of fraud, of deception, of the abuse of power or of a position of vulnerability or of the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person, for the purpose of exploitation. »[[1]](#footnote-1). We believe that this issue will gather all the countries that are represented in this committee, because we know today that human trafficking doesn’t stay within the borders, therefore this topic affects developed and undeveloped countries. The UNODC affirms that a little bit more than 25000 victims have been identified in 2016, and the most common forms of exploitations worldwide are sexual exploitation and forced labour. This phenomenon puts human dignity and safety at its lowest point. Therefore, we have the obligation to cooperate in order to find durable solutions.

As mentioned before, the republic of Cameroon is involved in this issue. In Sub-Saharan countries, most of the victims are children, and in 2016 in West Africa, more than a thousand of girls were sexually exploited, but forced labour exploitation is the main form of exploitation in this region. We also would like to add the fact that 20% of the identified victims of human trafficking in Europe come from Sub-Saharan Africa. It means European countries will find a lot of benefits by working with us on finding solutions.

We are currently putting a lot of efforts to collect more data about human trafficking within our borders and to help victims. The republic of Cameroon also begins to convict more and more traffickers. However, we know there is still a lot to be done, and that the international community will be very helpful. We are looking forward to sharing our potential solutions to this issue with all the members of the committee.

“This is a crime that shames us all.” Antonio Maria Costa

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