International Cooperation

Report of the Working Group
Why does international cooperation matter?

- The nature of the trafficking phenomenon
- The cost to victims of non-cooperation
- The cost to an effective criminal justice response
Who needs to be cooperating?

- States
- International organizations
- Civil society groups
- Private sector groups
- Links between actors
A basic pre-requisite:

International cooperation helps to build more effective national responses. But:

• International cooperation cannot *substitute* for coherent and effective national responses
• The more effective the national response, the more effective any international cooperation
Commitment to international cooperation:

- In international instruments
- In regional trafficking instruments
- In national laws and policies
Key areas for international cooperation:

- Victim identification
- Victim return and reintegration
- Criminal justice responses
- Development of common standards and approaches
- Prevention / demand
- Other areas?
Obstacles to international cooperation:

- Practical and procedural obstacles
- Political / cultural obstacles
- Resources
International cooperation in private sector responses:

- Why it matters
- What it should focus on
- How it should happen
International cooperation in relation to the trafficking / smuggling nexus:

- Why it matters
- What it should focus on
- How it should happen
International cooperation in relation to trafficking for forced criminality

- Why it matters
- What it should focus on
- How it should happen