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Dear Dr. Christoff:

In response to your request of April 7, 2011, on laws governing domestic violence and abuse of women in Asia, the following information is provided.

The U.S. Department of State has issued the *Trafficking in Persons Report 2010*, available at <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2010/>. It may provide a useful starting point for examining trafficking in women around the world. The report has individual country narratives and a spreadsheet on countries' signing/ratification of relevant international conventions. Page 7 has some statistics, although they are not on trafficked women exclusively. A couple of brief introductions to the issues of domestic violence and trafficking of women and children are: *Factsheet: Taking Action Against Violence and Discrimination Affecting Migrant Women and Girls*, International Organization for Migration website (c. 2009), [http://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/site/myjahiasite/shared/shared/mainsite/published\\_docs/brochures\\_and\\_info\\_sheet/s/violence\\_against\\_migrant\\_women\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.iom.int/jahia/webdav/site/myjahiasite/shared/shared/mainsite/published_docs/brochures_and_info_sheet/s/violence_against_migrant_women_factsheet.pdf); and *Human Trafficking: A Brief Overview*, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT NOTES, No. 122 (Dec. 2009), available at [http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/Resources/244362-1239390842422/6012763-1239905793229/Human\\_Trafficking.pdf](http://siteresources.worldbank.org/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/Resources/244362-1239390842422/6012763-1239905793229/Human_Trafficking.pdf).

For a link to an overview and the text of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), see the webpage of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, at <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/>. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) website has links to the U.N. Convention on Transnational Organized Crime and its protocols on trafficking in persons (i.e., the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children and the Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air), at <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/treaties/CTOC/index.html>. The UNODC also has a "Toolkit to Combat Trafficking in Persons" (2d ed. Oct. 2008), available at <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/2008/electronic-toolkit/electronic-toolkit-to-combat-trafficking-in-persons---index.html>. The section "Tool 8.17 Restitution and Compensation for Victims" may be of particular interest (see [http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Toolkit-files/08-58296\\_tool\\_8-17.pdf](http://www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/Toolkit-files/08-58296_tool_8-17.pdf)).

Other noteworthy websites are those of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Protection Project. The IOM's Migration Law Database, at

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<http://www.loc.gov/law>

<http://www.imldb.iom.int/section.do>, covers international, regional, and national instruments; drop-down menus for searching in these three areas include, among other categories, children, women, slavery, and trafficking. The Protection Project, at <http://www.protectionproject.org/>, has country reports on trafficking in women and children for jurisdictions around the world. It also has a “Law Library” with links to [International Conventions on Trafficking in Persons](#), [Anti-trafficking Legislation in the United States](#), [Human Rights Model Laws and Action Plans](#), and [Anti-trafficking Legislation Around the World](#).

A useful resource for human trafficking in Asia specifically is the website Human Trafficking.org, whose aim is to bring together “Government and NGOs in the East Asia and Pacific ... to cooperate and learn from each other’s experiences in their efforts to combat human trafficking.” It has “country-specific information such as national laws and action plans and contact information on useful governmental agencies. It also has a description of NGO activities in different countries and their contact information” (<http://www.humantrafficking.org/>). However, the website might no longer be active; it was funded by the Department of State between 2001 and 2008. The website also has a link to the UNESCO Trafficking Statistics Projects, at <http://www.humantrafficking.org/links/83>.

The UNESCO Trafficking Project database itself can be searched at its Bangkok Office website, at <http://www3.unescobkk.org/culture/WebTraffickingV2/Search.aspx>. The website also has Data Comparison Sheets, at <http://www.unescobkk.org/culture/cultural-diversity/trafficking-and-hiv-aids-project/projects/trafficking-statistics-project/data-comparison-sheet/>. A number of sources refer to the difficulty of providing statistics on trafficking; one set, however, is available at *Human Trafficking Statistics*, Polaris Project, <http://www.dreamcenter.org/new/images/outreach/RescueProject/stats.pdf> (figures circa 2007; last visited Apr. 27, 2011). The Polaris Project, whose website is <http://www.polarisproject.org>, is a U.S. advocacy group located in Washington, DC.

For recent developments in foreign law jurisdictions on the issues of domestic violence and trafficking in women and children you might also consult the Law Library of Congress online publication, *Global Legal Monitor*, at <http://www.loc.gov/law/>. For a simple overview of the U.S. counter-trafficking law, see the *Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 Fact Sheet*, [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/TVPA\\_2000.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/trafficking/about/TVPA_2000.pdf) (last visited Apr. 27, 2011). There are numerous subsequent reauthorization Acts for this legislation. The Fact Sheet also refers to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, which is a Polaris Project program (<http://www.polarisproject.org/what-we-do/national-human-trafficking-hotline/the-nhtrc/overview>).

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Finally, for some monographs and in-depth articles on trafficking in women and domestic violence, with a focus on Asia, please find attached a selected bibliography. If you have further questions concerning this issue, please call me at (202) 707-9832 or email me at [wzel@loc.gov](mailto:wzel@loc.gov). We hope this information is helpful.

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