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The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights and has the honour to refer to the questionnaire from the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material transmitted 7 February 2022.

The Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany is pleased to transmit herewith the response to the questionnaire:

The Federal Ministry for Family Affairs funds ECPAT Germany to implement the National Cooperation Concept "Protection and help in cases of trafficking in and exploitation of children". The concept is a nation-wide set of recommendations for the development of cooperation mechanisms against exploitation and trafficking of children at the level of the federal states.

It provides a framework for regional cooperation mechanisms containing action-oriented measures and recommendations for organization and communication and collaboration at a local level. In order to implement these cooperation mechanisms, in the federal states workshops and conferences are organised for staff of the youth welfare service, police, justice, counselling centres and others. Participants learn about child trafficking and how to identify and support affected children. Implementing regional self-organised interdisciplinary networks is one of the main goals of the workshops.

Since the start of the implementation process of the concept 25 interdisciplinary workshops, in-house trainings and Train-the-Trainer Workshops have been conducted in 13 federal states. In addition, seven in-house trainings for the relevant staff within the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees have taken place.

So far, over 2000 participants have been reached in around 30 workshops and were instructed to identify and support child victims of trafficking. As a result of these workshops, eight interdisciplinary regional networks against child trafficking were founded. Moreover, a

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counselling centre for victims of trafficking was established in Thuringia in 2021, so far being the only federal state without such a counselling centre.

The Permanent Mission of Germany to the Office of the United Nations and to the other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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