## **HRC-SR Trafficking in persons**

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Council of the Baltic Sea States, we would like to share our <u>Handbook for Embassies and Diplomatic</u> <u>Missions on How to Assist and Protect Victims of Human Trafficking</u>, especially in the context of *Trainings for relevant personnel to identify, document and denounce situations with risks of trafficking*.

This handbook, developed by the CBSS and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in cooperation with IOM, is a tool for staff at embassies and diplomatic missions to prevent, identify and assist victims of human trafficking. It contains sections on the definition of human trafficking, the international legal framework, risk assessment, chains of assistance and safe return. It has a victim-centered and child-rights approach with a particular focus on the gendered aspects of human trafficking. The Handbook can be utilised by personnel at embassies and diplomatic missions when suspecting human trafficking. In January 2025, a comprehensive online training module will be introduced which is based on the Handbook and which will emphasise THB indicators, a child-cantered approach, and LGBTQIA+.

Best regards, Edi

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