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## Invitation

It is my pleasure to invite you to the conference "*Stop Trafficking and Stand for Health,*" to be arranged in Riga on September 20-21, 2010, and financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM).

The aim of the conference is to discuss the health consequences and access to health care of victims of trafficking of human beings for sexual exploitation in the Nordic and Baltic countries.

Combating trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation is a high priority for the NCM. Starting in 2001, the NCM has been co-operating with various Councils of Ministers and the Baltic countries to streamline the work to combat trafficking and avoid overlapping. The objective of these unified efforts to fight sex trafficking in the EU's Northern Dimension Region is to contribute knowledge and experience developed by the countries in this region, to coordinate and exchange experiences, and to create a platform for cross-border cooperation.

The conference is part of the NCM project "*Nordic-Baltic Conferences on Health: Consequences of Sexual Trafficking and Obstacles to Health Care Access,*" administrated by the Nordic School of Public Health in co-operation with the Resource Center for Women - "Marta". The first step of the project was to map out existing knowledge in the Nordic and Baltic countries, which was then discussed at an expert meeting arranged on October 15-16, 2009 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of Nordic and Baltic case studies presented at the meeting, the recommendations for future work adopted at the expert meeting.

I look forward to your participation and contribution in the conference.

For registration, please visit <http://www.nhv.se/rigaconference>.

Sincerely yours,

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