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STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF GABONESE PARLIAMENTARIANS FOR CONSOLIDATING AN ENVIRONMENT CONDUCTIVE TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING AND LABOUR

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PLAN OF ACTION

LEGISLATIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PENAL REFORMS	
Proposed reforms	Timetable
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make the fight against child trafficking and labour a national priority in the government's draft law on finances.	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up an ad hoc parliamentary committee during consideration of the draft law on finances.	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance programmes and organizations recognized as in the public interest with respect to the fight against child trafficking and labour.	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revise Law 009/2004, of 22 September 2004, concerning the prevention of and fight against child trafficking in the Gabonese Republic, to harmonize it with international legal instruments duly ratified by Gabon.	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create or strengthen the committee responsible for overseeing the application of laws.	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put in place a parliamentary network for advocacy against child trafficking and labour.	-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen training and awareness programmes for all actors involved in the fight against child trafficking and labour. 	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop or strengthen educational modules on child trafficking and labour in school curricula and the course content of educational institutions dedicated to the training of actors engaged in the fight against child trafficking and labour. 	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply the provisions of Ordinance 18/2010, of 25 February 2010, amending certain provisions of the Labour Code of the Gabonese Republic. 	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit the Public Procurement Code. 	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revisit the Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS). 	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop legislation on cybercrime. 	-
INTER-INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION	
Proposed Reforms	Timetable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider revising the rules of procedure to allow the organization of consensus-building fora as part of the institution's operations. 	Once a year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within the framework of the inter-parliamentary network, facilitate public debate on this phenomenon in collaboration with interested groups – teachers, the media, trade associations, artists, transport and fisheries unions – to convince political decision-makers to take urgent and effective measures. 	Four times a year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The presidents of the two chambers of parliament should work toward the creation of the inter-parliamentary network for the fight against child trafficking and labour, building on existing possibilities within the rules of procedure of their respective chambers. This initiative is intended to evaluate the implementation of harmonized national provisions with respect to child trafficking through bilateral or multilateral agreements. The objective is to strengthen the regional dimension of the fight against trafficking through 	Once a year

consolidated cooperation between national and regional parliaments.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate creation of a special committee to oversee enacted legislation and the designation of a focal point in the Gabonese Parliament within the Committee for Follow-up on the Declaration of Cotonou. 	Once a year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of events (symposia, seminars, etc.) with the participation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ international institutions for the strengthening of technical and financial assistance; ○ the judiciary with a view to concerted action for the prosecution of traffickers; ○ civil society and the private sector – the tourism sector in particular – to heighten awareness about the code of conduct in order to protect children from sexual exploitation; and ○ parliamentarians, with the organization of meetings, symposia and seminars, as a means of combating this scourge. 	Permanent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study of the draft bilateral agreement between Benin and Gabon, ensuring that it provides for cooperation and mutual legal assistance. 	-