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## **EXPAND PARLIAMENTARY ACTION FOR IMPROVED RESULTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD TRAFFICKING IN TOGO**

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**National Assembly  
of Togo**

**Committee deliberations with a view to developing a plan of action based on the Declaration of Cotonou**

**Legislative, administrative and penal reforms**

<b>Proposed Reforms</b>	<b>Implementation Timetable</b>
Advocate an increase in the budget line for activities to protect children.	2011 budget session
Create a special fund for use in combating child trafficking.	2012 budget session
Advocate the creation of a national commission for the fight against trafficking in persons.	2012
Initiate and moderate public awareness sessions in each district on current legal provisions with respect to civil status, and in particular declarations of birth and the collection of birth certificates.	January-December 2011
Draft a specific, harmonized law on trafficking in persons, with particular emphasis on women and children; facilitate its incorporation into the Penal Code.	January-June 2011
Create a subcommittee on laws with responsibility for monitoring the implementation of adopted legislation.	2011
Create a subcommittee on finance with responsibility for monitoring the implementation of the	2011

law on finances.	
Advocate an increase in the budget for education and vocational training for unschooled children.	2012
Appeal to the government to provide micro-financing for micro-projects as a means of promoting private initiative.	2011
Initiate and moderate public awareness sessions on family planning.	2011-2012
Appeal to the government for the adoption and implementation of national training and awareness programmes for all actors involved in the fight against child trafficking and labour.	January-December 2011
In awarding public-sector contracts, ensure that the prohibition against child labour is respected.	2011-2012



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### **Inter-institutional collaboration**

<b>Proposed Actions</b>	<b>Implementation Timetable</b>
Initiate a national forum within parliament comprising all actors involved in the fight against child trafficking (educators, the media, labour unions, traditional chiefs, transporters, local elected officials, development institutions, NGOs, regional communities).	First semester 2011
Initiate regular meetings with civil society, NGOs and other groups involved in the fight.	First semester 2011
Initiate briefing sessions on the evaluation of progress in implementing bilateral and multilateral agreements at the national and regional levels.	Starting first semester 2011
Initiate exchange visits within the parliamentary networks for the fight against child trafficking in different countries of the region.	Second semester 2011
Initiate field visits, during which the network will be supported by all the parliamentary committees.	Starting first semester 2011
Appeal to the relevant international institutions to increase their support (financial, technical and material) for the implementation of parliamentary activities connected with the fight against trafficking, including the present plan of action.	Starting first semester 2011