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The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund for Victims of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (UNVTF), established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 64/293 of 12 August 2010.

The Terms of Reference of the Trust Fund are attached to this Note Verbale.

Since its establishment, the UNVTF has played an important role to support and strengthen grassroots organizations providing critical services for victims of human trafficking worldwide. Contributions of US\$9.87 million have been received from 35 Member States, private sector organizations, and scores of individual donors. The Trust Fund has supported over 155 projects of non-governmental organizations in more than 60 countries around the world, with grants worth over US\$6 million, and has been able to provide direct emergency and comprehensive support (including shelter, food, medical care, legal aid, vocational training, access to justice and psychosocial counselling) to over 50,000 vulnerable victims of trafficking in persons since 2011.

Thirteen years after its establishment, the long-term viability of the Trust Fund is dependent on more predictable voluntary contributions as it moves to launch a new grant cycle in 2024. Accordingly, Member States are called upon to show their support to the Trust Fund and to nominate a candidate for the new Board of Trustees that should start its term in September 2023. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime wishes to remind Member States that the positions of Trust Fund Board Members are ad honorem or non-remunerated.

Member States are encouraged to nominate candidates with fundraising experience at the international level, as well as with the private sector and/or civil society. The Trust Fund follows the emphasis of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Global Compact Office on public-private partnerships by engaging private sector partners in United Nations initiatives. Key emphasis that also needs to be placed is that the nominated new members should not have any existing conflict of interest vis-à-vis the UNVTF, and are not currently engaged in fundraising for other similar initiatives in the field of human trafficking. This point should be a priority criterion over relevant experience in the field of trafficking in persons and previous fundraising or Trust Fund Board experience. Another important point to consider is that, aside from encouraging nominations of female candidates, the Trust Fund would also strongly urge Member States to nominate candidates who may also be survivors of human trafficking.

The incumbent Board Member should be able to actively pursue innovative initiatives aimed at raising funds for the Trust Fund, with the full backing of the nominating Member State and its regional partners.

Nominations in the form of a cover letter and curriculum vitae should be sent no later than 31 July 2023 to the Secretariat of the UNVTF via email at [unodc-victimsfund@un.org](mailto:unodc-victimsfund@un.org). The participation of your Government in this process would be highly appreciated.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.



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