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INDEX OF KEY TERMS AND CONCEPTS

Please note that this Report makes use of various terms, phrases, key concepts and references. For the reader's convenience, these are set forth in the Index of Key Terms and Concepts below and form an integral part of this Report.

- The “**Reporting Period**” being addressed herein is the 2019 calendar year, unless specified otherwise;
- “**Previous Report**” means the trafficking report submitted in February 2019 by The State of Israel to the U.S. Department of State in respect of the 2018 reporting period.
- Amounts in **New Israeli Shekels (NIS)** are also indicated in United States Dollars. The amounts in United States Dollars are approximate, and have been rounded up or down as appropriate.
- **B1 visa**: a temporary work permit. It can be granted to a victim of trafficking for a one (1) year rehabilitation period and can be extended. A B1 visa can also be granted to enable a victim to remain in Israel in order to testify in proceedings against the traffickers. In such case, the visa would be extended until the end of court proceedings.
- **Sinai**: The Sinai desert, forming part of Egyptian territory, bordering Israel.
- **Sinai Camps and Sinai Victims**: Between the years 2008 and 2013, the GOI witnessed a phenomenon in which persons entered Israel illegally through the Egyptian border, crossed through the Sinai Peninsula, and in some cases, while in Egyptian territory, were held in camps (hereinafter: "Sinai Camps") where they were subjected to heinous crimes and grave abuse at the hands of their captors, who sought to obtain ransom from family members in their countries of origin (hereinafter: "Sinai Victims").

Some of those Sinai victims – those who were forced to provide sexual services to their captors and others, and those who were compelled to forced labor and were held in conditions amounting to slavery – were recognized as victims of trafficking, despite the fact that the offenses against them

were conducted outside of Israeli borders, by foreign nationals. As such, they receive all the protections provided to trafficking victims in Israel (including free legal aid, special visa and rehabilitation in the shelters for victims of trafficking and the Day Center).

Courts

- **Supreme Court:** Israel's highest court. When sitting as the High Court of Justice, the Supreme Court also serves as a review court for decisions of Israeli Government agencies.
- **Detention Review Tribunal:** A tribunal responsible for reviewing the detention of foreign residents who entered Israel illegally and are held in the **Detention Facilities** (Saharonim and Giv'on).
- **Appeals Tribunal:** The Appeals Tribunal was established in 2014 and serves, *inter alia*, as a tribunal of second instance with regard to decisions of the Detention Review Tribunal.
- **Labor Courts:** A specialized court system (first instance and appeals) dealing with labor matters, including laws regarding foreign workers' rights.
- **Administrative Courts:** Administrative Courts operate by virtue of the Administrative Affairs Courts Law 5760-2000. The Law grants jurisdiction to District Courts, in their capacity as Administrative Courts, to adjudicate disputes between persons and administrative authorities, on condition that this dispute falls under one of the three annexes of the Law. All other administrative petitions must be brought before the High Court of Justice.

ACRONYMS

Government Authorities

GOI- The Government of Israel

AAW- the Authority for the Advancement of the Status of Women

CDG- Committee of Directors General

DIPO- Department for Investigation of Police Officers (under the auspice of the Ministry of Justice)

IPS- Israel Prisons Service

NII – National Insurance Institute

LAA- Legal Aid Administration

MOH- Ministry of Health

MOJ- Ministry of Justice

MFA- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MLSS- The Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Social Services¹

MOI- Ministry of Interior

MPS- Ministry of Public Security

NATU- the National Anti-Trafficking Unit

PIBA- the Population and Immigration Authority (under the auspice of the Ministry of Interior)

Israeli NGOs

ASSAF – NGO - Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel

CIMI- NGO – the Center for International Migration and Integration, founded by the Joint Distribution Committee Israel (**JDC**)

HRM - NGO - the Hotline for Refugees and Migrants

ELEM - NGO - Youth in Distress in Israel

PHRI – NGO – Physicians for Human Rights, Israel

¹ As a result of Government Resolution number 1754, dated 31/7/2016, the field of employment was transferred from the Ministry of Economy to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Services. As part of this decision, the Ministry been renamed the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Services.

Consequently, this report references the MLSS in both its capacities

KAV LAOVED – NGO – labor issues of migrant workers, Israel

United Nations Agencies

IOM- the International Organization for Migration

UNHCR - the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNODC- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime