

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS ACT

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*[Legislationline Note: This Act is of 2003 (year of promulgation and coming into force). Only the date of coming into force of the budget provision is extended 01/01/2004. This law has been amended:*

*in 2005 - amend. SG. 86/28 Oct 2005 - in order to reflect changes in the numeration of articles in the new Bulgarian Criminal Procedural Code of 2005, to which article 31 of the law refers*

*in 2008 - amend. SG. 33/28 March 2008 – in order to include the membership of the commission the State Agency for National Security]*

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Chapter Four

PREVENTION AND COUNTERING OF TRAFFICKING  
IN HUMAN BEINGS

**Article 13**

The National Commission shall organise and co-ordinate the relevant agencies and organisations involved in the prevention and countering of trafficking in human beings, based on the national programme approved by the Council of Ministers, as under Article 7(3).

**Article 14**

In order to implement the objectives in Article 13, the National Commission shall:

1. Initiate and take part in the development and implementation of measures aimed at creating equal social and economic opportunities for the risk groups, including:

- a) Conditions for integration of the individuals from risk regions and risk groups into the labour market;
- b) Micro-crediting programs;
- c) Programmes inciting employers to hire individuals from risk groups;

2. Ensure public awareness of:

- a) Situations where citizens are at risk of becoming victims of trafficking;
- b) The protection to the victims of trafficking provided by the state and the specialised organisations;
- c) The penal and administrative measures taken by the state to combat trafficking in human beings;

3. Initiate and take part in the development and implementation of:

- a) General education school programmes designed for parents and students;
- b) General education programmes for unemployed and illiterate citizens;

- c) Education programmes for risk groups and risk regions;
- d) Education programmes for victims of trafficking.

## **Chapter Five**

### **PROTECTION AND SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING**

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#### **Article 18**

(1) The diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Bulgaria abroad shall distribute amongst interested individuals and risk groups information materials about the rights of the victims of trafficking.

(2) The diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Bulgaria abroad shall provide information to the bodies of the host country regarding the Bulgarian legislation in the area of trafficking in human beings.

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