



Un altro punto di vista.



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To the Secretaries General and Directors  
of the National Associations and Associated Members  
of CEMR

**RE: Request for promotion of the "Appeal to Local Authorities for the Prevention and Fight Against the Trade of Human Beings"**

Spurred by the European project Equal for social information on the theme of the trade of human beings "Trade NO!" (cod. IT-S2-MDL-210) and by AICCRE, CEMR – with decision 8.3 approved by the meeting of the Steering Committee held on 13/06/07 in Brussels – has joined in the promotion of the **"Appeal to Local Authorities for the Prevention and Fight Against the Trade of Human Beings,"** a social phenomenon of great importance that represents a form of slavery, a serious crime and a profound violation of human rights, and that the Council of Europe believes to be the third most important source of money produced by organised crime, after arms and drugs.

The Appeal is a charter of commitments that intends to valorise the role of promotion and inter-institutional co-ordination of the social policies of Local Authorities in the prevention and fight against the trade of human beings. It therefore reminds the Local Authorities to implement in concrete form what has been recommended by international and European bodies, beginning from the promotion of an holistic approach to the phenomenon, which considers as victims of the trade all persons – women, men and minors – who are transported from one place to another, by means of coercion and deception, for the purpose of the exploitation of their body or labour. In addition, it presses the associated institutions to work so that the respective nations ratify as soon as possible the 2005 Warsaw Convention of the Council of Europe, and represents an application of the provisions contained in Art. 23 of the *"European Charter for the Equality and Equal Opportunities of Women and Men in Local Life"* of CEMR.

In Italy it has been promoted, already beginning from January 2007, directly by AICCRE with Project Trade NO! and the Ministry of Rights and Equal Opportunities, and 68 Authorities have already adhered (5 Regions, 13 Provinces and 48 Municipalities).

With this letter, we are therefore requesting that you promote the Appeal in the regards of the Local Authorities of your Country by organising meetings, seminars and debates, including involving the situations registered by your respective Associations. In the event that the Local Authorities of your Country and your Association wish to sign the Appeal enclosed herewith, we are sending you the adhesion form. These documents and the video file of the fact sheet can in any case be downloaded from Websites [www.ccre.org](http://www.ccre.org), [www.aiccre.it](http://www.aiccre.it) and [www.trattano.it](http://www.trattano.it) via the "Appeal to Local Authorities" link.

  
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