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## Human Rights Council

### Thirteenth session

Agenda item 3

**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## Decision adopted by the Human Rights Council\*

### 13/117

### Trafficking in persons, especially women and children

*The Human Rights Council,*

*Reaffirming* all previous resolutions by the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Council on the problem of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, in particular Council resolutions 8/12 of 18 June 2008 and 11/3 of 17 June 2009,

*Decides:*

(a) To hold a panel discussion at its fourteenth session to give voice to victims of trafficking in persons, with due consideration for the psychological well-being of the victims involved, with a view to reinforcing the centrality of their human rights and needs, and taking into account their recommendations when devising actions to combat human trafficking;

(b) To request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to organize the panel, within existing resources, with the participation of the High Commissioner, the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and the victims of trafficking in persons;

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\* The resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council will be contained in the report of the Council on its thirteenth session (A/HRC/13/56), chap. I.

(c) To also request the Office of the High Commissioner to encourage the presence of relevant human rights mechanisms and specialized agencies and programmes, as well as civil society and national human rights institutions, in the panel session.

*45th meeting*  
*26 March 2010*  
[Adopted without a vote]

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