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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Ali Abdussalam Treki,
President of the 64th Session of the General Assembly,
on the Adoption of the Resolution UN Global Plan of Action Against
Human Trafficking**

Excellencies,

I welcome the consensus adoption of the resolution on “United Nations Global Plan of Action against Human Trafficking”.

I would like to thank the co-facilitators, His Excellency Mr. Moraes Cabral, Permanent Representative of Portugal and His Excellency Mr. Pedro Monteiro Lima, Permanent Representative of Cape Verde, for facilitating this process. Let me also thank Mr. Antonio Maria Costa and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for their important support.

I congratulate all Member States for their efforts and dedication on this matter, which is also a reaffirmation of their commitment for promotion and protection of human rights.

Sixty years ago, the UN General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It proclaims that all humans are born free, that no one shall be held in slavery or servitude, and that slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms. Yet today millions of people, the majority of them children and women, are victims of a modern form of slavery, called human trafficking.

The collective commitment to fight this menace has led to the adoption of this plan of action which will enforce and strengthen effective and comprehensive measures including cooperation at all levels to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, protect its victims and prosecute its perpetrators.

All nations must now work together to implement this resolution and the Global Plan of Action against Human Trafficking.

Thank you.