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**Report delivered on GOVERNMENT OF SEYCHELLES CALLED UPON TO BE
ALERT ON HUMAN TRAFICKING, September 15, 2020**

The whole world is very aware that human trafficking is a serious problem in Africa because it is the continent of the origin for victims, who are trafficked into other parts of the world.

In a survey review of Human trafficking in the East Africa Island nation of Seychelles by the International Human Rights Council (IHRC), to rate the domestic or intra-regional trafficking and the issue of rescue and restore of those victimized especially women and children, the IHRC wants the Government to initiate measures to stem the human rights abuse.

Amb. Dr. Haissam Bou-Said (IHRC Special Envoy to Geneva) received the report from which said that all over the place victims of human trafficking are injured physically, mentally or psychologically as a result of being exploited in a variety of sectors such as agricultural and domestic work, prostitution and even military (e.g. child soldiers). Dr. Ahure while commenting on the frightening experiences of the victims as contained in the study report, decried the slavery and forced labor meted to the victims and said it is a fact that many traffickers are known to the victims and include close family members, relatives and friends.

According to the findings reported by the IHRC Africa Region HQ, more than 60% of these traffickers are female who have set up organized criminal groups via routes easily maintained for the trafficking operation in islands nations as the Seychelles island. Dr. Innocent Ahure was directed according to the received to warn the authorities in Seychelles to note that the more this inimical trade is perpetrated in their Country could lead to trafficking becoming a sophisticated and dangerous scenario. Already the report indicated that the island has widespread rate of human trafficking and if not checked will reach an endemic scale in a few years.



The Seychelles ideal geographical location for the complex and transnational nature of human trafficking requires the Government and IGO bodies to come up with ways and means to frustrate the festering of human trafficking. The role of Intergovernmental organization and regional organizations becomes very important as they can contribute to the strengthening of both individual as well as collective actions against this crime. Thank you

Yours sincerely
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Special Envoy to Geneva

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H. Bou-Said', is written over a light-colored rectangular background.

