



Franciscans International
A voice at the United Nations

Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur & Artfully Unforgotten
ask you to



Speak UP

about the **Trafficking of Women & Girls**

Be part of the **Speak UP** campaign and tell us what the government and your community are doing to **PREVENT** trafficking, **PROSECUTE** traffickers and **PROTECT** the survivors of trafficking.

Tell us

- 1.) About cases of trafficking of women and girls in your community.
- 2.) What is working in your community to combat trafficking.
- 3.) Where is your governments' policy weak and strong on combating trafficking.

Your input will be used for advocacy at the United Nations, as well as for the development of a short video to help raise awareness of trafficking in our communities. The video will premier in New York City on March 8, 2011, International Women's Day and be made available online.

Speak UP and send your stories to h.metcalfe@fiop.org.

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*Data suggests the trafficking of women and girls is increasing; yet many countries have yet to take action. **12.3 million adults and children are in forced/bonded labor and forced prostitution** around the world; **56%** of these victims are **women and girls**. More women migrate for work, thus becoming victims of forced labor and sexual assault. **62 countries have yet to convict a trafficker under laws**. **104 countries are without laws or policies to prevent victims' deportation**.*

*The lack of education available to women and girls blocks them from economic advancement and leaves them vulnerable to trafficking. Because of this the number of women and girls who are trafficked is increasing. Many religious communities are already working to combat human trafficking within their own communities. Thus, let's unite our efforts and voices and advocate for systemic change. **You can do this by sending in your stories about human trafficking by January 14, 2011.***



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