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Re: Fact-finding journey to Nigeria 29 August – 8 September 2010

To whom it may concern,

The County Administrative Board of Stockholm have been commissioned by the Swedish government to plan, coordinate and implement activities in order for persons subjected to prostitution and trafficking for sexual purposes to be able to safely return to their countries. This work is conducted during the period of May 2009 – December 2010.

In resent years, Sweden has seen an increase in Nigeria-related trafficking, cases that before 2009 was basically unknown to the Swedish counter trafficking community. Therefore, activities needs to be directed towards a better understanding of this phenomena and to develop a systematic cooperation with relevant service providers and authorities in Nigeria, primarily the National Agency for Prohibition of Traffic in persons (NAPTIP) and the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS). Thus, a fact-finding journey is scheduled for 29 August until 8 September 2010 which is planned in conjunction with the Swedish Embassy in Abuja. Apart from the County Administrative Board of Stockholm, social welfare officers from the Social services in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmo will participate in the journey. Through the visit, we hope to embark on a process which aims at:

- 1) Facilitating cooperation between Swedish and Nigerian authorities
- 2) Identifying challenges and problems to achieve an effective and dignified return for Nigerian citizens subjected to trafficking in Sweden.
- 3) Learning more of the Nigerian context in order for Swedish authorities to provide a more holistic support to Nigerian victims of trafficking in Sweden.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if having any questions or queries as to the journey.

Yours sincerely,

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