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submission to the special rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has by email of 1 February 2021 requested inputs from the Danish Institute for Human Rights for the Special Rapporteur’s report on The Nexus between Forced Displacement and Contemporary Forms of Slavery, to be presented to the Human Rights Council in September 2021.

The Institute refers to the latest recommendation on the area submitted by the Institute:

In Denmark, 827 persons were identified as victims of human trafficking from 2007-2018. The majority of these are women, and most have been exploited for prostitution. The number of trafficked humans is probably higher than the official statistics due to the difficulties in identifying victims of trafficking who do not always have contact with public authorities such as the police. Data from The Danish Centre against Human Trafficking shows that the number of charges has decreased over the last few years – from 14 in 2014, 25 in 2015 to two charges in 2016, nine in 2017 and one in 2018.

The Institute recommends that:

• Denmark takes steps to ensure that effective investigations are carried out before, during and after trafficking has been identified.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Yours sincerely,

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1. Parallel report submitted by the Institute for the 9th Examination (2021) of the Kingdom of Denmark by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Section 1.3., <https://www.humanrights.dk/sites/humanrights.dk/files/media/document/parallel%20cedaw_2021.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)