On November 2, 2011, The Protection Project will host the Sixth Annual Symposium on “The Five Elements of Civil Society: A New Approach to Participation in Combating Trafficking in Persons” at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, in Washington, D.C., USA. The Symposium will investigate the role of civil society in combating all forms of trafficking in persons defined broadly as to include: Non-governmental organizations, academia, corporations, media, and religious organizations. Scholars and practitioners in trafficking in persons, human rights, international law, and development are encouraged to submit a paper on the role of these actors in fighting trafficking in persons and on best practices.

Terms and Conditions: Since the enactment of the UN Trafficking Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons in 2000, NGOs, the private sector, the media, faith-based organizations, Academia, and citizens from around the world have grown a sensitivity for the issue of trafficking, both domestic and international, and have felt compelled to participate in the global action against this infamous crime. Drawing from their respective areas of expertise, these different elements of civil society have developed strategies and technical skills to prevent trafficking and protect victims of trafficking that are mostly independent from government influence and, often time, highly innovative. With these premise in mind, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies is now seeking papers from scholars and practitioners in trafficking in persons, human rights, international law, and development that investigate the important contribution that civil society, broadly defined, has made and will make in the future, in the fight against trafficking.

Possible themes may include, but are not limited to:

- Best practices from around the world on new strategies to combat trafficking in persons;
- Access to justice for victims of trafficking;
- Reporting mechanism on trafficking in persons;
- The role of religion in combating trafficking in persons;
- Incorporating trafficking in educational curriculum;
- Media coverage of cases of trafficking in persons;
- Corporate Social Responsibility;
- The gender-based approach to fighting trafficking in persons.

Candidates are kindly requested to submit an initial abstract by the deadline indicated below. The authors of the selected abstracts will then be requested to submit a final paper by the deadline indicated below. The abstract should not exceed 3 pages. The final paper should not exceed the 30 pages. The authors of the selected papers will be invited to present the findings of their study at The Protection Project Annual
Symposium that will take place at the Kenney Auditorium at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies on Wednesday, November 2, 2011. Following the event, selected papers will be published in The Protection Project Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society, Volume 4.

**Deadlines and expenses:** Abstracts must be received by June 30, 2011. Successful candidates will be notified by July 31, 2011. Submissions for full papers will be accepted until August 31, 2011. Panelists will be invited to speak at the Annual Symposium by September 16, 2011. Travel and lodging expenses will be fully covered by The Protection Project.

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