

**Virtual Intern Report  
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**Legislation Tracking**

**Senate Passes Law Against Human Trafficking**



- (U) After four years of debate, the Senate passed the Trafficking in Persons Act, which punishes perpetrators who exploit people and those who commit similar behaviors up to 50 years in prison. The opinion was adopted with 87 votes, two abstentions, and none against. The action is a response to UN body's suggestions to Mexico concerning their situation with human trafficking.
- PAN member and Chairman of the Committee Against Trafficking in Person, Adriana Davila advised that the design is meant to configure the crime of human trafficking in accordance with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in persons, particularly women and children. It is also meant to enhance the mission of the UN's Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
- Perpetrators will be imposed 10 to 25 years in prison and 5,000 to 50,000 fine days, which is subject to change depending on the appropriate sanctions for the crimes committed.
- According to Article 10, human trafficking is defined as “the crime of trafficking persons for himself or for a third party to, get, engage, transport, host, receive, hold, hand, hide, recruit, or transfer to a person for exploitation by threat, use of force or other forms of coercion (e.g. deception, seduction, offering, abuse of power) as well as “the giving or receiving of payment or authority over another, or the consent of a person exercising leadership, influence or authority over another.” Davila commented, “The typical description of the behavior meets in full the comments made by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.”

**Source 1**

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