

Ad-Hoc Experts' Group II
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**Strategies for strengthening legislation to combat
people smuggling, trafficking in persons
and related transnational crime**

The Experts' Group identified a series of key elements for effective investigation, cooperation and prosecution of people smuggling, trafficking in persons and related transnational crime. The following capacity-building strategies encourage the incorporation of these elements into national legislation.

1: Completion of the survey distributed at the planning meeting held in Bangkok on 13-14 June 2002. The completed surveys to be published on the website (*).

ACTION: All countries. Coordinated by Philippines, Palau

2: Establishment of National Committees composed of relevant government agencies. These Committees could work to develop national plans of action and to strengthen national networks and cooperation between national law enforcement agencies. Designated contact points for each Committee to be placed on the website in the interests of improving information sharing (*).

ACTION: All countries. Coordinated by Singapore, Samoa .

3: Compiling information on national legislation. The sources of information on this legislation will then be published on the website (*), allowing comparison of laws in source and destination countries to identify any loopholes or weaknesses.

ACTION: Pakistan and New Zealand.

4: Examination of existing legislation against the key elements, including procedural laws and rules of evidence, to identify opportunities to strengthen that legislation.

ACTION: All countries. Coordinated by Thailand, Malaysia, Sri Lanka

5: Cooperation in the drafting of new legislation.

ACTION: Australia and China (TBC)

6: Development of outreach activities to increase cooperation and contact with relevant international bodies such as InterPol, ASEANPol, PacRIM, ICAO and commercial carriers.

ACTION: Liaison with Experts' Group I. Coordinated by IOM, Cambodia.

(*): Information regarding responses to the survey, identification of relevant national legislation and contact points for National Committees will be placed on the Bali Ministerial Conference website by IOM

**The role of the coordinators will be to contact other participants to determine progress in individual countries on implementing the strategies. Where appropriate, they should also document capacity-building needs of individual countries and report on both these issues to the Chair of Experts' Group II prior to the next meeting of the Group.