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## Qatar Participates in Meeting of UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons



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New York, November 25 (QNA) – The State of Qatar, represented by the Ministry of Labor, participated in the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, held in New York.

Qatar was represented by HE Undersecretary of the Ministry of Labor Sheikha Najwa bint

Abdulrahman Al-Thani, who affirmed the State of Qatar’s support for the adoption of the Political

Declaration on the Implementation of the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons. Her Excellency expressed appreciation for the efforts made in drafting a text that reflects a broad international consensus on the need to accelerate actual implementation.

Her Excellency reiterated Qatar's firm commitment to supporting international efforts to combat human trafficking by strengthening the work of the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking, which plays a pivotal role in deterring the crime, protecting victims, prosecuting perpetrators, and enhancing partnerships.

HE Undersecretary explained that the challenge lies not in the lack of international frameworks, but in bridging the implementation gap and reinforcing collective ability to cope with the changing dynamics of trafficking. Three priorities were identified for the next phase: improving data quality and analysis, enhancing cooperation in information exchange in line with national legislation, and strengthening comprehensive prevention approaches.

She highlighted that factors increasing vulnerability to exploitation require integrated developmental and social interventions, including empowering vulnerable groups, regulating recruitment practices, promoting awareness, and strengthening human-centered protection systems that ensure survivor safety, dignity, and access to justice without linking it to participation in criminal proceedings.

Her Excellency added that Qatar continues to expand protection and prevention measures through psychological, social, and legal support programs, the national referral mechanism, and reforms aimed at combating forced labor. She stressed the need for adaptable approaches to address technology-based exploitation and the importance of strengthened monitoring and accountability.

Qatar supports the adoption of this political declaration as a step toward realistic and effective joint action and remains committed to working with all partners to combat this crime.