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Item 3– Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences

Oral statement

Mr President,

Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII welcomes the report presented to this session by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences - Madame Urmila Bhoola.

We thank the Special Rapporteur for her comprehensive report that “*provides indications of some of the challenges in enforcing accountability of States and business for preventing, mitigating and redressing contemporary forms of slavery in supply chains.*”¹

One of the most effective strategies to combat contemporary forms of slavery is the preventive approach in combating human trafficking supporting due diligence by both the public and private sector to prevent and respond to risk of forced or compulsory labour,

In this regard, we ask to pay attention to the phenomena of sex tourism all over the world.

In developing countries, especially where there is also a situation of corruption of local authorities, women, men and children are forced to prostitution to respond to the requests of occidental tourists.

In developed countries human trafficking for sexual exploitation is increasing every year especially in countries where prostitution is regulated.

On the other hand, we are deeply worried about the new phenomenon of clinic industries service - growing up especially in developing countries – that consider new-born babies as commodities open to markets.

We think that this new phenomenon of paid maternal surrogacy is a new form of contemporary forms of slavery where business companies are exploiting natural mothers forced to this form of trade as a strategy to survive to poverty.

We ask the attention on this situation both of the HRC and the Special Rapporteur.

Thank you