CAP International at CSW61: express reporting
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“Prostitution can never be regarded as a job. Prostitution is exploitation.”
– Swedish Minister Asa Regner, United Nations Security Council, applauded during 7898th meeting, 50:00, United Nations Webcast

Pictured: Asa Regner, Swedish Minister for Women’s Rights

CSW61 side and parallel events

CAP Intl organised the first official abolitionist side event co-sponsored by the French and Swedish governments in the UN headquarters, titled “When victims matter: ending demand for prostitution & trafficking for sexual purposes” and a parallel event on “Last Girl First: Ending sexual exploitation of the most discriminated women & girls” as part of the NGO CSW Forum.

However, we had the unfortunate luck of having both events scheduled for Tuesday 14th March, the exact day that the city shut down because of blizzard conditions!
Despite this, the French permanent mission to the UN opened its doors, so and improvised side event took place with the participation of the Swedish and French ministers of women’s rights and the French permanent
representative to the UN. CAP members provided short intros on the situations in their countries and on their work.

Pictured below: side-event at the French permanent mission to the UN