

UNITED FOR A WORLD FREE FROM PROSTITUTION !



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

The year 2019 has been, for CAP International, a year marked by the growth and diffusion of the abolitionist word.

With the arrival of two new people at the International Secretariat of our organization, we have increased our capacity for action. Our movement for the abolition of prostitution is increasingly recognized and growing. This is why we have adopted this year the governance tools necessary to our development.

The holding of our 3rd World Congress against the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Mainz, Germany, was framed by two Survivors' Marches for the Abolition of Prostitution. This made it possible to put their voices at the heart of our debates and actions. We also contributed to strengthening the work of our members in Germany to counter the normalization of prostitution.

Our movement is rooted in local action and relies on the sharing of our experiences to carry the foundations of the abolition of prostitution and the vision of more and more states and people far and wide. The year 2020 promises to be inspiring and successful.

DIANE MATTE
CHAIR



WHY WE STAND UP AGAINST PROSTITUTION

CAP International and its members act in support of all prostituted persons (women, men and children), in opposition to the prostitution system that exploits their precariousness and vulnerability.

PROSTITUTION IS A FORM OF VIOLENCE

The vast majority of prostituted persons have suffered from violence, often sexual, before entering prostitution. Most of them are victims of many forms of violence while in prostitution (physical, verbal, sexual, psychological).

The repetition of sexual acts without physical desire, but instead experienced as the consequence of financial need, inequality or as an exploitation of vulnerability, constitutes sexual violence in and of itself.

PROSTITUTION IS AN EXPLOITATION OF INEQUALITIES

Prostitution is a part of a long patriarchal tradition of making women's bodies available for men's benefit (droit du seigneur, rape, sexual harassment, "conjugal duties", etc.).

It exploits multiple forms of inequality: men's domination over women, rich over poor, North over South, majority groups over minorities. Minority, discriminated and migrant groups are over-represented in prostitution all over the world.

PROSTITUTION IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN DIGNITY

By placing the human body and sex into the realm of the marketplace, the system of prostitution reinforces the objectification of all women and their bodies. It is a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

Prostitution reinforces the domination of men over women, and particularly the patriarchal attitude of male entitlement to women's bodies, which is present in other forms of violence against women such as rape, sexual harassment and intimate-partner violence.

The system of prostitution fuels and perpetuates trafficking in human beings for sexual exploitation.

Prostitution is a societal obstacle to establishing truly free, respectful and egalitarian sexuality. It is also a direct violation of the physical and moral integrity of prostituted persons.

PROSTITUTION IS A VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The United Nations Convention of 2 December 1949 adopted by the General Assembly states in its preamble that "Prostitution and the accompanying evil of the traffic in persons for the purpose of prostitution are incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person."

The 1979 UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) asks States Parties to "take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women".

Further, prostitution is incompatible with articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which state that "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person" and that "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment".





**40-42
MILLION**

**VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION
AROUND THE WORLD**

96%

**OF VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING
FOR PURPOSES OF SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION ARE
WOMEN AND GIRLS**

75%

**OF VICTIMS OF
PROSTITUTION AGED
BETWEEN 13 AND 25**

WHO WE ARE

CAP INTERNATIONAL IS A COALITION OF GRASSROOTS ASSOCIATIONS UNITED AROUND A COMMON OBJECTIVE: THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION.

OUR MISSION

The Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution (CAP International) is an advocacy vehicle for frontline NGOs and a global convener for change. The 33 members of CAP International provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the adoption of abolitionist legislation in Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, the Middle-East and Africa. Our members work with, or are founded by, survivors of prostitution.

The fundamental objective of CAP International is to advocate for the adoption of domestic legislation and international standards that aim to :

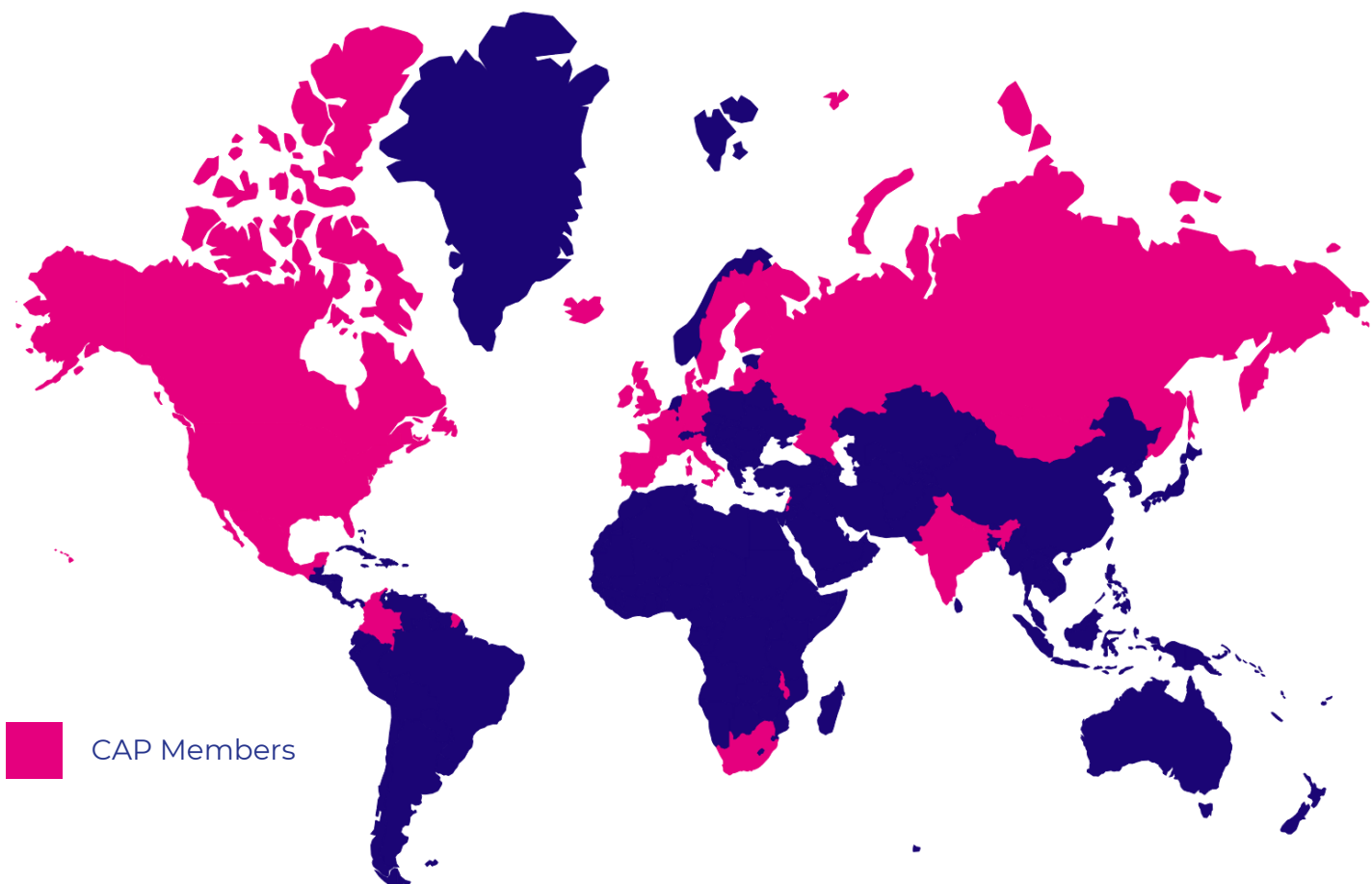
- eliminate sexual exploitation of women and girls;
- deliver effective protection, support and exit options to prostituted persons and victims of trafficking;
- empower frontline services and survivors of prostitution.

CAP international empowers its members in their capacity to obtain progressive legal reforms in their countries and to be heard internationally. To do so, its members, with the expertise of its Secretariat, define the strategy and priorities of CAP international. Our General Assembly and Board are composed only with elected representatives of our member organizations. CAP Intl is thus an international abolitionist organization effectively driven by Its domestic NGO members.

OUR POLICY OBJECTIVES

- Decriminalisation of prostituted persons;
- Access to protection, support and exit options for all prostituted persons;
- End to impunity for traffickers, pimps, sex buyers, procurers, facilitators and brothel owners;
- Criminalisation of sex purchase;
- Training for professionals, prevention measures and youth sensitization.
- Empowerment of grassroot / survivors movements.





A COALITION OF 33 GRASSROOTS NGOS IN 26 COUNTRIES

The 33 members of CAP International work with, or are founded by, survivors of prostitution. They provide direct assistance to victims of prostitution and sexual exploitation and/or advocate for the adoption of abolitionist legislation in their countries.

Our members work in the following countries: Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Denmark, Finland, France, United Kingdom, India, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Lebanon, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, Malawi, Nepal, Palestine, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, USA.





OUR TEAM IN 2019

INTERNATIONAL BOARD

Diane Matte / Chair
CLES, Canada

Ghada Jabbour / Vice Chair
Kafa, Lebanon

Claire Quidet / Secretary General
Mouvement du Nid, France

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Caleb Ng'Ombo / Board Member
People Serving Girls at Risk, Malawi

Esohe Agathise / Board Member
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INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT

Grégoire Théry / Executive Director

Héma Sibi / Campaigns Officer

Jonathan Machler / Administration
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PRO BONO ADVISORS AND FOCAL POINTS

Marta Torres Herrero / Latin America

Johan Chermette-Wagner / EU Advocacy

Elisabeth Gandy / Webmaster

STRATEGIC PARTNERS

- CATW
- European Women's Lobby (EWL)
- Equality Now
- SPACE international
- Swedish Women's Lobby
- Unizon

THEY SUPPORT US

- NoVo Foundation
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden
- Scelles family
- Donor Direct Action
- Oracle

4 STRATEGIC CAMPAIGNS TO END PROSTITUTION IN THE WORLD



#1

LAST GIRL FIRST



#2

**HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED
APPROACH**



#3

**ACCESS TO
DECENT WORK**



#4

**PARLEMENTARIANS FOR
THE ABOLITION**



Rachael Santillon for Apne Aap

LAST GIRL FIRST CAMPAIGN

All over the world and throughout history, the most discriminated and marginalized communities are over-represented in prostitution and sexual exploitation. Prostitution is a gendered and patriarchal system that disproportionately affects the poorest women and children.

Whether they are Dalit women and girls in India, indigenous communities in Canada, African-American women in the United States, rural areas in Mongolia, refugees or migrants, victims of sexual violence or belonging to an ethnic minority: they are all the first victims of economic sexual exploitation by pimps, traffickers and sex buyers.

The concept of "Last Girl First" was initially developed by our member association Apne Aap, in India, in reference to Gandhi's philosophy which recommended to always think of "the last person" when making a public decision. The "Last Girls" are all those forgotten women and girls, exploited by the prostitution system and victims of all the disparities it perpetuates. They are the ones who are at the intersection of all systems of domination and forms of discrimination such as racism, sexism, class, capitalism and imperialism. These inequalities reinforce their marginalization and restrict their access to the most basic rights including the right to dignity, food, water, housing, health, education.

By working closely with those concerned and with our members on the ground, the "The Last Girl First" campaign aims to identify, bring together and mobilise these women and girls from the most vulnerable groups over-represented in prostitution through research reports and public events in order to raise their voices in the fight against the prostitution system.



HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH

International human rights law is abolitionist and defines prostitution as a violation of human dignity:

Article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) states: "States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislation, to suppress all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of prostitution of women."

One year after the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1949, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of Prostitution, a binding instrument that criminalizes prostitution and human trafficking as "incompatible with the dignity and worth of the human person".

The prostitution system is a violation of human rights and a fundamental obstacle to gender equality. While international law recognises prostitution as such and prohibits its exploitation, it is incumbent on States to respect their international obligations and in this sense to adopt and implement abolitionist policies.

Our coalition advocates for the universal elimination of the exploitation of the prostitution of others by making States accountable for their obligations under Article 6 of the CEDAW Convention, the UN Convention of 2 December 1949 for the Suppression of the Traffic in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others and the Palermo Protocol (2000).



ACCESS TO DECENT WORK

"The primary goal of the ILO today is to promote opportunities for women and men to obtain decent and productive work, in conditions of freedom, equity, security and human dignity"

Juan Somavia, former ILO Director General

The concept of "decent work" as defined by the International Labour Organization is strictly incompatible with prostitution. People from the most vulnerable and discriminated groups are over-represented in prostitution and violence is an immutable parameter intrinsically linked to the prostitution system. Prostitution is therefore formally contrary to the dignity and value of the human person and cannot be defined as "sex work": it is neither sex nor work, but a lucrative system of sexual and economic exploitation that threatens social justice and efforts for gender equality.

Our "Access to Decent Work" campaign aims to mobilize trade unions, those organizations at the heart of the struggle against inequality and various forms of exploitation, to campaign for access to decent work: a work that respects and promotes dignity, health, safety and well-being. To date, our coalition has successfully mobilized dozens of unions around the world representing more than 10 million workers in solidarity with our efforts to abolish the exploitative system of prostitution.



PARLEMENTARIANS FOR THE ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION

The fundamental objective of CAP International is the adoption and implementation of abolitionist legislation and standards around the world, which have proven their effectiveness through the Nordic abolitionist model led by Sweden, a pioneer in gender equality, Norway and Iceland. This model is based primarily on the decriminalization of people in prostitution by abolishing all repressive measures against them and the implementation of holistic support, protection measures and the creation of pathways out of prostitution. It also calls for the effective criminalization of pimps and buyers of sexual acts.

At the national level, achieving these progressive legal reforms on prostitution and trafficking requires identifying and mobilizing parliamentary champions. Experience shows that multiparty alliances of MPs, even in limited numbers, are a key factor in the success of abolitionist legislation.

Our "Parliamentarians for Abolition" campaign aims, in this context, to mobilize hundreds of parliamentarians from different countries to exchange best practices on the adoption and implementation of abolitionist policies in their respective countries.

Our coalition thus acts by strengthening international cooperation in the adoption of comprehensive and coherent public policies to more effectively combat human trafficking and the exploitation of prostitution of women and girls around the world.



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2019/ ABOLITIONIST YEAR



16.024

**VICTIMS OF PROSTITUTION
SUPPORTED**

26

**COUNTRIES OF
INTERVENTION**

514

**EMPLOYEES WORKING FOR THE
ABOLITION OF PROSTITUTION**

304

**SENSITIZATION AND
TRAINING EVENTS**

52

**PUBLICATIONS ON
PROSTITUTION**

8.625.000

**PEOPLE SENSITIZED TO THE
REALITIES OF PROSTITUTION**

1.209

**VOLUNTEER
ACTIVISTS**

98

**FACILITIES DEDICATED TO
ACCOMODATION, PROTECTION AND
PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION**

DECEMBER 2018/FEBRUARY 2019 - FRANCE CONSOLIDATING NEW RIGHTS AT THE FRENCH SUPREME COURT

In a historic decision on the 1st of February 2019, the Conseil Constitutionnel (French Supreme Court) has definitely validated the constitutionality of the French 2016 Act introducing the criminalisation of the purchase of sex, the full decriminalisation of prostituted persons, and the creation of a nation-wide public exit, protection and assistance policy for victims of prostitution, pimping, procuring and trafficking.

In close coordination with 69 NGOs fighting all forms of sexual and sexist violence, including its two French member organisations Fondation Scelles and Mouvement du Nid, CAP international has filed several written and oral voluntary observations to the Conseil Constitutionnel (see below).

CAP international also greatly contributed to the mobilisation of a broad coalition of actors in support of the law. Six former Ministers for women's rights, 30 renowned doctors, a coalition of men opposed to the purchase of sex have released open letters and op-eds urging the Conseil constitutionnel to maintain the criminalisation of the purchase of sex.

Finally, CAP international had also released the results of a historic survey showing that:

- 78% of FR people support the 2016 Act
- 83% of FR people believe prostituted persons are victims of criminal networks and have not freely chosen their activity
- 74% of FR people think prostitution is a violence
- 77% of FR people think that paying for sex amounts to impose a sex act by a financial constraint

MARCH 2019 - FRANCE/SWEDEN SUCCESSFUL MOBILIZATION OF TWO GOVERNMENTS

On the 8th of March 2019, the Swedish and French ministers for Foreign Affairs, Margot Wallström and Jean-Yves Le Drian released a joint diplomatic initiative aimed at eliminating the exploitation of prostitution and the trafficking in women and girls.

This historic initiative is the result of several years of efforts to mobilise the Swedish and French Governments. CAP international has been invited to accompany these two Governments on the concrete implementation of their initiative.

MARCH 2019 - USA/UN UN CONFERENCE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

In March 2019, Grégoire Théry attended CSW in NY and made a presentation at an official side-event organised by OSCE. In this event, the director of CAP intl made a presentation highlighting the over-representation of the most discriminated women and girls in the exploitation of prostitution worldwide.

APRIL 2.-5. / 2019 - MAINZ

PROSTITUTION: WEDER SEX NOCH ARBEIT!

3. WELTKONGRESS GEGEN SEXUELLE
AUSBEUTUNG VON FRAUEN UND MÄDCHEN



MACHEN SIE MIT !

2. APRIL / 16 Uhr : SURVIVORS MARCH - Mainz Hauptbahnhof

**3. - 4. APRIL : WELTKONGRESS GEGEN SEXUELLE
AUSBEUTUNG VON FRAUEN UND MÄDCHEN - JOHANNES
GUTENBERG-UNIVERSITÄT MAINZ - PHILOSOPHICUM,
JAKOB-WELDER-WEG 18**

Anmeldung unter:

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APRIL 2019 - GERMANY

PROSTITUTION: NEITHER SEX, NOR WORK!

3RD WORLD CONGRESS AGAINST THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS / MAINZ, GERMANY

After Paris (2014) and New-Delhi (2017), CAP intl hold its third world congress against the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Mainz (Germany). The Congress gathered an impressive crowd of 400 activists (including many young German feminists) from around 30 countries.

The 3-days event was preceded by a 200 kms international survivors march (from France to Germany) initiated by French survivor Rosen Hicher, in close cooperation with German and international survivors.



At their arrival in Mainz, our Congress was thus opened by a final protest rally and a press conference from 12 international survivors leaders. The march, the protest and the Congress main conference itself brought an impressive national media coverage, including 10 pages in EMMA, the leading feminist magazine in Germany, that decided to put on its front page Sandra Norak, a German prostitution survivor who participated to the Congress.



The congress, although international in scope, also highlighted the catastrophic situation in Germany: Since the pro-sex-work law of 2002, prostitution is said to have increased by 30%. 3500 legal brothels, at least twice as many if we include illegal brothels. At least 400.000 women in prostitution, who face situations of extreme violence and exploitation. Almost 20 years after the legalization of prostitution, which was supposed to improve the living conditions of female prostitutes, Germany has in fact become the brothel of Europe.

A SAFE AND EMPOWERING SPACE FOR THE VOICES OF SURVIVORS

During the congress, the voice of the survivors was the main focus. In a caring and supportive atmosphere, they were able to talk freely about their experiences in prostitution. Whether they came from South Africa, Germany, France, Romania, Ireland, or the USA, they all expressed their determination to abolish what they described as a system of violence and exploitation based on sex, gender, race and class.

These voices were joined by those of many academics, health professionals and social workers who also shared their experiences.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

The last day of the congress was devoted to the internal work of the coalition. Workshops for the exchange of good practices and strategic planning were organised, following a process of data collection and needs assessment initiated prior to the congress.

CAP International also held its General Assembly. The movement keeps growing quickly and gathers now 33 domestic organisations from 26 countries (including a first member organisation from Russia). We also elected a new International Board, including a new Chair, Diane Matte.

FIND OUT MORE

The conference brought together fantastic speakers, including from CAP intl global membership.

You will find here a short video giving a good overview of the Congress dynamic:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_qsXLNvUUc&feature=share



POLITICAL IMPACT

During the Congress, we initiated and released an abolitionist manifesto (the "Mainzer Erklärung", that was signed by 1000 NGOs and figures).

Three months later, we could observe that the congress blew an abolitionist wind that shook the German government and civil society. we have learnt in the German media that key women leaders from the SPD (German Socialist Party) were now publicly calling for the adoption of the Nordic model in Germany and for its inclusion in the political programme of their political party.

These leaders were all present at our Congress and can have a significant influence on their political party (MP, Head of the Women's Caucus of SPD).

This development is even more interesting if we take into consideration the fact that the sex trade was legalised in Germany 20 years ago by the same political party (SPD + Greens under "social-democrat" Schröder).

The article makes a direct reference to our Congress as an illustration of an abolitionist "momentum" in Germany.

In addition, two senior politicians from the CDU-CSU have come out in favour of the Nordic Model: Thorsten Frei and Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker from the CDU-CSU;

They announced their endorsement on the website of the CDU-CSU Parliamentary group in the German Bundestag.

More effort will be needed to make Germany, known as the "Brothel of Europe" ("Bordell Europas"), an abolitionist country. However, these developments can be considered a major breakthrough. The Congress made a significant contribution to building a new abolitionist momentum in Germany. Several very influential feminist and abolitionist figures have shared this feeling during the Congress. Civil society organisations, including our two members in Germany, Solwodi and Sisters, have reached a new level of activism and hope. The process has begun, and we will continue to work hard to achieve the abolition of prostitution in Germany.



Title: "The "Nordic model" requirement: SPD women want ban on sex buying

The coalition under Schröder has liberalized prostitution in Germany. Now leading Social Democrats are pushing for an about-turn."



Title: "Effectively combating trafficking in human beings. Making prostitution for clients a criminal offence.

The deputy chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group, Thorsten Frei, and the spokeswoman for legal and consumer policy of the CSU/CSU parliamentary group, Elisabeth Winkelmeier-Becker, explain the considerations of the SPD parliamentary group to make the provision of sexual services for clients a punishable offence, but to leave the women in prostitution unpunished ("Nordic model")"

JUNE 2019

OBSERVATION MISSION IN PALESTINE WITH SAWA ORGANIZATION

In June, CAP International's Administration and Development Officer, Jonathan Machler, went to Ramallah to observe the work of Sawa, a Palestinian association that fights violence against women, including prostitution.

The aim was to continue discussions in the perspective of Sawa's membership at CAP International and also to reflect on future strategic options for joint cooperation.



Sawa conducted a tour of their premises and a presentation of its programs, including the Helpine Center #121, where the staff responds to calls from women victims of violence.

JUNE 2019

CAP INTERNATIONAL WELCOMES 3 NEW MEMBER ORGANISATIONS!

Following the validation of their applications by the Board, three new Abolitionist organisations joined CAP in June: Stigamót (Iceland), Talita (Mongolia) and Sawa Organization مؤسسة سوا (Palestine). Our Coalition now gathers 33 grassroots organisations in 26 countries.

JULY 2019

EXIT CAMPAIGN: TRAINING FOR YOUNG ABOLITIONISTS IN PORTUGAL

From the 4th to the 6th of July, CAP International has been invited to participate in a training for Young Abolitionists held in Setúbal, Portugal.

The training was organised by our strategic partner Plataforma Portuguesa para os Direitos das Mulheres, in cooperation with the movement Generation Abolition.



Our Portuguese member organisation O'Ninho also participated in the training session. More than 50 young abolitionists from Portugal, Brazil and Sao Tome and Principe attended the training.

2019/ABOLITIONIST YEAR

JANUARY/AUGUST 2019

POSITIVE IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS AT G7 SUMMIT

In August 2019, the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council released its report to G7 leaders, including the Nordic Model as one of the most progressive laws for women's rights globally.

This report was handed over to the G7 leaders and promoted during the UN General Assembly 2019 in the perspective of Beijing +25.

The Executive director of CAP International, Grégoire Théry, was appointed by President Emmanuel Macron in January 2019 as member of the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) and was able, after 6 months of negotiation, to write and pass a specific section of the report on the Nordic model.



The report is endorsed by the 34 members of the GEAC including the Executive director of UN Women, 2 Nobel Peace Prizes (Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege), Emma Watson, Alice Albright (Global partnership for education), Katja Iversen (Women Deliver) and Gargee Ghosh (Gates foundation).

SEPTEMBER 2019

FIRST PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In September 2019, CAP international was invited by the G7 Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC) to participate in the 74th session of the UNGA.

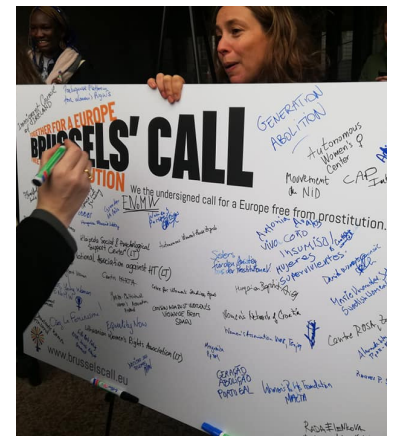
CAP intl has been associated to a series of consultative meetings aimed at presenting and promoting the recommendations of the GEAC and was associated to several official side-events at the UN, including to the side-event organized by France, Mexico and UN Women, launching the mobilization for Beijing + 25.

OCTOBER 2019

CO-HOSTING THE PAN-EUROPEAN BRUSSELS CALL MEETING

On the 16th and 17th of October, a coalition of NGOs including the European Women's Lobby, CAP international, Equality Now, the European Network of Migrant Women and Generation Abolition gathered several dozens of European abolitionist leaders in Brussels.

The Brussels Call's collective organized two successful panels in the European parliament and several workshop trainings for participants. CAP international opened the first panel and coordinated a workshop on civil society advocacy strategies at the domestic level.



OCTOBER 2019

CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SWEDISH ABOLITIONIST LAW

In October 2019, CAP international was invited by the Swedish Gender Equality Agency and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs to a conference celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Swedish abolitionist legislation. Grégoire Théry was invited to present the broad scope of the French legislation inspired by the Swedish model, but bringing additional rights and alternatives to victims of prostitution and



trafficking (residency permits, social and financial support, access to financial compensation). CAP international also took this opportunity to brainstorm with its Swedish strategic partners: Ambassador Per-Anders Sunesson, the Swedish Women's Lobby and Unizon.

NOVEMBER 2019

USA ADVOCACY TOUR

BOSTON / From the 18th to the 20th of November 2019, CAP international participated in a domestic advocacy support tour to Boston. Invited by our member organization EVA center, Grégoire Théry participated in a series of public and private events including:

- A public conference at the Melnea A. Cass Arena
- A private meeting with Legislative Assembly members and Law enforcement officials
- A closed advocacy training session with members of a local abolitionist campaign
- Brainstorming sessions with EVA center and allies



WASHINGTON DC / On the 21st and 22nd of November 2020, CAP international and its member organisations set up an international advocacy tour to the US States department and Congress. CAP intl and its members were represented by Rita Hernandez from Unidos contra trata in Mexico,

Ghada Jabbour, from KAFA in Lebanon, and Grégoire Théry from France. The delegation met the offices of several members of Congress working on an anti-trafficking bill. They also met with the US Ambassador at large for combatting trafficking in persons, John Richmond, and his team in the States department. CAP intl delegation shared precise recommendations on the language used by the US States department TIP office annual report and on several country reports.

30 NOVEMBER/4 DECEMBER 2019

PARIS ABOLITIONIST WEEK

ABOLITIONIST MOBILIZATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING WEEK IN PARIS

In December, CAP International decided to gather its members in Paris for a week of mobilization and capacity building, with a double objective:

- To reinforce both the Coalition as a structure and its member organisations themselves, by sharing tools and practices through capacity building workshops.



These collective work sessions enabled CAP International to strengthen its governance, in particular by adopting new ethical policies, a Charter and new tools for cooperation with and between members.

The week started with Governance Workshops on CAP International's reinforcement mechanisms and development strategy, in plenary session. Those workshops were completed by collective discussions on domestic and international advocacy strategies, in order to plan our actions for the next year.

In addition to the structural reinforcement of the Coalition, members themselves benefited from peer-to-peer trainings, which were very rich: 16 workshops were organized, each focused on a theme proposed by the members, on topics such as shelter management, survivors' empowerment, communication campaigns, research projects, trauma management, street outreach etc.



The working sessions on CAP International's governance and strategy were concluded at an Extraordinary General Assembly, during which the orientations, tools and policies discussed in the workshops were formally adopted.

- The other objective was to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the UN 1949 Convention for the Suppression of the Trafficking in Persons and of the Exploitation of the Prostitution of Others, adopted by the UNGA on the 2nd of December 1949, and the 40th anniversary of the CEDAW Convention.



During a public event hosted by the French Secretary of State for Equality between Women and Men, CAP Members, survivors of prostitution and political figures from different political parties expressed their support to CAP International's abolitionist vision.

The event also welcomed Jean-Claude Brunet, Ambassador in charge of the fight against organised crime (France),

Elisabeth Moiron-Braud, Secretary General of the Interministerial Mission for the Protection of Women against Violence and the Fight against Human Trafficking (MIPROF) Anda Caska, Latvian MP, and Caroline Silfverstolpe, representing the Swedish government.

This public event also allowed the launch of a **Global Call to Action by an international collective of parliamentarians committed to combating sexual and violence and sexist violence**, and in preparation for the Beijing + 25 /Generation Equality Forum.

Through this call, Parliamentarians mobilized in the fight against all sexual and sexist violence by:

Undertaking to work towards the adoption and implementation of abolitionist legislation on prostitution and trafficking in human beings in their countries and around the world;

- Calling on their Governments to promote and implement the adoption of these laws and to establish or strengthen international cooperation to this end;



- Calling on the Secretary General of the United Nations, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Director of UN Women to ensure the effective implementation of the obligations under the two UN conventions whose anniversaries we celebrate;

- Supporting the establishment, as part of the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Platform and the Generation Equality Forum, of a multi-stakeholder Action Coalition to eliminate trafficking in human beings and the exploitation of the prostitution of others by 2030.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ INCOME STATEMENT 2019

OPERATING REVENUES

During the financial year ended December 31, 2019, our revenues amounted to €349,101 compared to €142,974 for the previous financial year.

These revenues came mainly from donations of €208,519 from the NoVo - Tides Foundation, €94,097 from the Swedish Government and €40,000 from the Scelles family.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Our annual charges amounted to €298,091 compared to €136,493 for the year 2018, an increase of 118.4%.

This increase is mainly due to the following items:

- The holding of a World Congress and an Abolitionist Week in the same year;
- The "staff" item, which increases by €31,473 due to the hiring in March 2019 of an Administration and Development Officer, and in December of a Campaigns Officer.

Depreciation and amortization amounted to € 2,880 and corresponds to the annual depreciation of our investments.

Our total operating expenses for the year amounted to € 298,091.

Our positive operating result for the financial year 2019 is therefore 51,009 € compared to 6,481 € in 2018. This significant positive result can be explained as follows:

- Earmarking in 2019 of a €40,000 grant received in July 2018
- Obtaining an additional grant from Sweden in 2019
- Hiring of a campaign manager delayed for several months

In the absence of financial income and exceptional items, the financial year ending 31 December 2019 shows a surplus of the same amount, i.e. €51,009 compared to €6,481 for the previous financial year.

METHOD

The annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 have been prepared and presented in accordance with the provisions of the accounting rules in force in France.

They have been externally audited by a Statutory Auditor. The accounting policies have been applied fairly and in accordance with the principle of prudence, in accordance with the following assumptions :

- continuity of operations,
- consistency of accounting methods from one financial year to the next,
- independence of financial years.

The basic method used to value items recorded in the accounts is the historical cost method.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ INCOME STATEMENT 2019

	Financial year N 31-12-2019	Financial year N-1 31-12-2018
OPERATING INCOME		
Sales of goods		
Production sold (goods and services)		
Stored production		
Capitalised production		
Operating subsidy	348.586	142.974
Contributions		
Other income	514	
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	349.101	142.974
OPERATING EXPENSES (excluding tax)		
Merchandise purchases		
Stock variations (goods)		
Purchase of procurements		
Stock variations (procurements)		
Other external expenses	171.740	47.160
Taxes, levies and similar payments	3.878	
Personnel compensation	67.145	41.755
Social charges	50.134	44.051
Amortisation allowances	2.880	3.527
Subsidies granted by the association		
Other expenses	2.313	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	298.091	136.493
OPERATING RESULTS	51.009	6.481

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