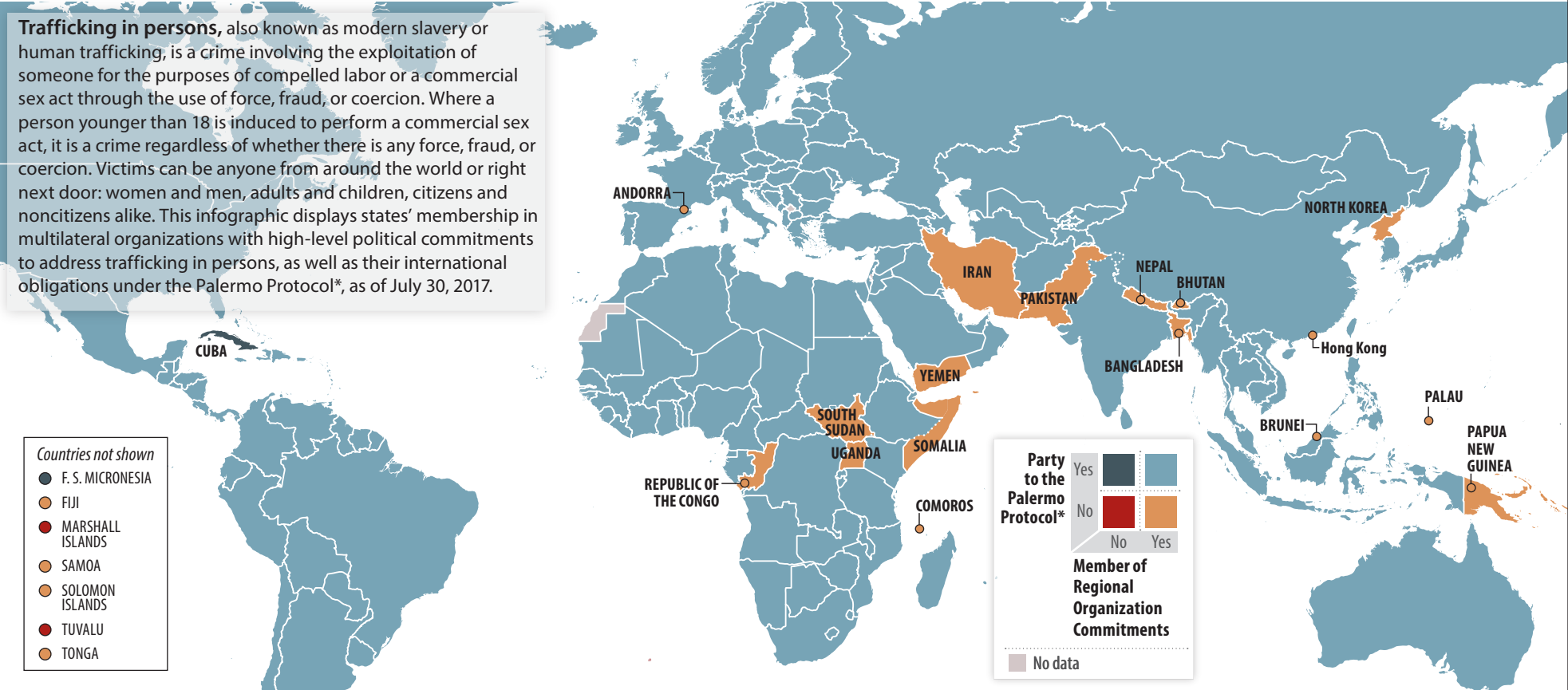


# World Day Against Trafficking in Persons July 30, 2017

**Trafficking in persons**, also known as modern slavery or human trafficking, is a crime involving the exploitation of someone for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Where a person younger than 18 is induced to perform a commercial sex act, it is a crime regardless of whether there is any force, fraud, or coercion. Victims can be anyone from around the world or right next door: women and men, adults and children, citizens and noncitizens alike. This infographic displays states' membership in multilateral organizations with high-level political commitments to address trafficking in persons, as well as their international obligations under the Palermo Protocol\*, as of July 30, 2017.



- Countries not shown**
- F. S. MICRONESIA
  - FIJI
  - MARSHALL ISLANDS
  - SAMOA
  - SOLOMON ISLANDS
  - TUVALU
  - TONGA

## Timeline of Significant International Agreements

- 2000** The *UN* adopts the **Palermo Protocol** (\***Protocol to Prevent, Suppress, and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children**), supplementing the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.
  - The *UN* releases its first Global Report on Forced Labour and puts the worldwide number of victims at 12.3 mm (updated to 20.9 mm in 2012).
  - The *Council of Europe* adopts its Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings.
- 2001** The *Economic Community of Western African States* agrees on an action plan to combat trafficking in persons in the region.
- 2003** The *OSCE* adopts the *OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings*.
- 2004** The *UN* appoints a Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children.
- 2005** The *International Labour Organization* (ILO) releases its first Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.
  - The *UN Office on Drugs and Crime* releases its first Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.
- 2006** The Ouagadougou Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings, Especially Women and Children is adopted by the *African Union* and the *European Union* to facilitate cooperation.
  - The *UN Office on Drugs and Crime* releases its first Global Report on Trafficking in Persons.
- 2010** The *Organization of American States* (OAS) adopts its first regional Work Plan Against Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere.
  - The *UN* adopts the Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons.
- 2011** The *ILO* adopts the Domestic Worker Convention and a recommendation laying down basic rights of domestic workers.
- 2013** The *OSCE* adopts the Addendum to the Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings.
  - The *UN* designates **July 30** as World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.
- 2014** The *ILO* adopts a Protocol and Recommendation supplementing the Forced Labor Convention of 1930.
  - The *OAS* adopts the 2nd Work Plan against Trafficking in Persons in the Western Hemisphere 2015-18.
- 2015** The newly created *Bali Process Working Group* on Trafficking in Persons meets for the first time and finalizes its Forward Work Plan (2015-17).
  - The *UN* adopts 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including targets to end trafficking in persons. (SDG Targets 5.2, 8.7, and 16.2)
  - The *ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children* is signed.