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Ambassador to monitor and combat trafficking in persons

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Report of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation
and guarantees of non-recurrence, Professor Bernard Duhaime

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Mr. President, Excellencies,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks the Special Rapporteur, **Professor Bernard Duhaime**, and his team for their well-documented [report](#) on this vital issue.

The Order of Malta wishes to underline the value of **religious congregations' concrete actions** in protecting and promoting truth, reparation, justice, and rehabilitating victims. We must not forget the work of the religious actors who founded the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions in Africa and Latin America. The moral authority they granted was often critical to their establishment and success.

The Order of Malta has included transitional justice in an **online course on human trafficking**.

Could the Special Rapporteur consider restorative justice to complement or compensate for existing remedies for survivors of human trafficking?

The Order of Malta supports the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur to:

- Promote **transdisciplinary approaches to transitional justice**. This approach allows practitioners to fulfill better transitional justice aspirations, such as centering it on victims and addressing the root causes of conflict and authoritarianism.
- Emphasize **the importance of emerging technologies in the context of transitional justice**. It is essential to have an ethical approach when using these new tools. Technological advances in international armed conflict have increased gross human rights abuses and serious violations of international humanitarian law.
- Establish **victim-centered and comprehensive approaches to transitional justice** grounded in international legal principles.

The Order of Malta is organizing a webinar on **"Global Justice and Human Trafficking"** with Professor Thomas Pogge (Yale University) and two other experts on Tuesday, September 24th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. You are all invited (Register: www.adlaudatosi.org)

The Sovereign Order of Malta would welcome an **increased collaboration with the Special Rapporteur**.

Thank you.