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FOUNDATION
Knowing, Understanding, Fighting
sexual exploitation

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The Scelles Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization based in Paris (France) that fights the system of prostitution and the exploitation of prostituted persons, through information, analysis, advocacy, awareness initiatives and legal actions.

Our missions:

**Knowing commercial sexual exploitation**
We created an international Research Center responsible for collecting and producing information relating to commercial sexual exploitation in the world.

**Understanding commercial sexual exploitation**
Through multidisciplinary cooperation with experts (jurists, sociologists, police, NGOs), we publish analyses, books, articles and audiovisual documents.

**Fighting commercial sexual exploitation**
We lobby local, national and international elected officials. We engage in awareness and prevention activities. We organize conferences and participate in public debates and interviews with media.

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**THE PRESIDENTS**

Jean Scelles (1994-1996)
Nicole Fontaine, Former President of the European Parliament (2005-2006)
Yves Charpenel, First General Advocate at the Paris Supreme Court (since 2010)

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**OUR OBJECTIVES**

The fundamental objective of the Scelles Foundation is to drastically reduce the number of victims of the system of prostitution by better preventing, convincing major actors to act and insuring the implementation of exit options for all prostituted persons.

- **To fight the global system of prostitution** because it’s a violation of human dignity and rights, a form of violence, an exploitation of the most vulnerable people, a major organized crime and an inacceptable trafficking of human beings.

- **To increase prevention & victims protection and support** : decriminalization, paths to exit prostitution, reintegration, judicial actions.

- **To reinforce prosecution and punishment of perpetrators** : to hold buyers accountable by sanctioning the purchase of sex acts, to strength the prevention and fight against pimping and human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

- **To inform, advise, educate and raise awareness** among the public especially the youth and decision makers in order to promote the abolitionist system and to take actions against the system of prostitution.
Since its creation, the Scelles Foundation has developed an International Research and Documentation Center on sexual exploitation, otherwise known as CRIDES, unparalleled in Europe, in order to fight the system of prostitution.

Its objectives are:

1. To inform & raise awareness given the lack of information and interest observed within the general public and public authorities for the fight against prostitution and human trafficking;

2. To analyze all the aspects of sexual exploitation (prostitution, sex tourism, pimping, procuring, child pornography, human trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation, etc.) and provide high quality information;

3. To fight sexual exploitation by providing potential solutions and encouraging actions to reduce prostitution and human trafficking worldwide.

CRIDES is organized around 3 main types of activities:

**DOCUMENTATION:**
Evaluation reports, manuals for practitioners, legal texts, policy analyses, strategies elements, national action plans, good and innovative practices, advocacy. The Scelles Foundation now stores more than 10,000 international documents, 3,000 global studies and reports, 500 books and 107 documentaries from many countries, which are all available online for free.

**RESEARCH, ANALYSIS & PROPOSALS** from local to global: International Report on sexual exploitation, Thematic articles, ‘Cahiers de la Fondation’, Countries specific information, In-depth studies, Fact sheets, Best practice guidelines.

**EXCHANGE & PARTNERSHIP:**
A new platform in development with a modern approach centered on interaction, collaboration, training and innovation through the CRIDES website crides.fondationscelles.org.
Launched in 2012, the annually Scelles Foundation Awards has rewarded lots of youths involved in the fight against prostitution and human trafficking.

This initiative is the result of strong partnerships between the Scelles Foundation and Ecole Nationale supérieure Louis Lumière (French Louis Lumière national high school of cinema, pictures and sound for the Best Visual), ENM (French national high school for magistrates for the Best Indictment), ESJ (French graduate school of journalism for the Best Report), « La Conférence » (group of the best young lawyers of the Paris Bar for the Best Pleading), and some high schools in Ile-de-France and Paris, with the French slam performer Dialem (for the Best Slam), Faculté de médecine Paris Descartes and Action-Santé-Femmes (Faculty of Medicine, Paris and Women health association for the Best Medical Speech).

Students and young professionals (journalists, lawyers, magistrates, photographers, medical experts) take up the challenge to illustrate the violent reality of prostitution through their various fields of expertise and understanding of the phenomenon. For each discipline, the most talented participants can be rewarded during a Ceremony in the Paris Bar Library surrounded by both their peers and distinguished personalities. The Scelles Foundation grants 2 prices, the Public Award (online public polls) and the Jury Award judged by legal, political and media personalities.

The Scelles Foundation has created a legal department in charge of monitoring the new France’s law against prostitution, and developing judicial actions in relation to the institutions concerned in France and abroad (Justice, police, organizations responsible for victims, etc...).

In the framework of these partnerships, the Scelles Foundation will organize trainings for main actors involved in the fight against the system of prostitution. It will also provide units and materials for awareness raising to prevent the purchase of sexual acts.

The Scelles Foundation organizes high quality seminars and lectures in partnership with public and private actors.

- « Sexual exploitation of minors », Maison du Barreau de Paris, November 2013
- « Digital society, the best and the worst », Palais Bourbon, March 2014
- « Vulnerabilities and prostitution », Maison du Barreau, November 2015
- Scelles Foundation and partners meeting at Columbia University, March 2016.

The Scelles Foundation is invited to speak at various local training programs for:
- Judges and police officers at the French national high school for magistrates
- Lawyers and judges at the First Chamber of the Court of Appeals of Paris

Members of the Scelles Foundation are regularly invited to participate in debates and conferences in France and worldwide:

- Refugees and displaced people, victims of terrorist groups (Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict, République Française, CAP International - CSW60 – UN Headquarters – New York), March 2016
- The Judges’ Summit on human trafficking and organized crime (The Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences – Vatican City), June 2016
- The International Congress on the fight against sexual exploitation via the demand (Unidos vs Trata and CAP International – Mexico City), October 2016.

The Scelles Foundation Seminars

- Journalists at the Université de France Télévision
- Social and healthcare workers with the partnership of the NGO Amicale du Nid
- Students and researchers in many universities...

Internatinal meetings
KEY PUBLICATIONS

« Prostitution : Exploitation, Persecution, Repression »
Published on April 2016, the 4th edition of the Scelles Foundation Global Report developed 12 topics under the general term of “vulnerability”: cyber-vulnerability, persecution (terrorism, minorities), vulnerability of minors, and a precise analysis of the phenomenon and its development in 38 countries.
Economica, 2016. 448p

« Sexual Exploitation: a Growing Menace »
Fighting sexual exploitation in the world demands global reflection and strong mobilization. Published in December 2013, the third Global Report compiled the work of 36 authors. The reader will find a detailed overview of the situation in 66 countries and an analysis of 11 topics.
Economica, 2013. 628p

« Sexual Exploitation: Prostitution and Organized Crime »
Published on January 2013, the second Global Report updated and completed the first one, The prostitution at the heart of organized crime. It provides an overview of 54 countries and 10 news-related topics.
Economica, 2012. 482p

« Current Assessment of the State of Prostitution »
This brochure is addressed to a public who is aware of the stakes of sexual exploitation worldwide. Recently updated, this brochure presents a global overview of the phenomenon. It is in very high demand among NGOs.
Booklet - 56p

« Fondation Scelles Infos » (newsletter)
The newsletter published by the Foundation since November 2010 with the support of the Conseil Régional d’Ile-de-France, analyzes the news and includes interviews, thematic dossiers, a schedule of relevant events, and more.

« International News on Prostitution »
The Scelles Foundation collects online press articles, analyzes and files them by topics (prostitution in France, prostitution abroad, sex buyers, sex tourism, procuring and organized crime, pornography, human rights, sexuality, new technologies, etc.) to publish press reviews online.
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Scelles Foundation is searching for volunteers and interns that can bring to the Foundation their knowledge in communications, fundraising, documentation, management, information technology, legal actions, writing, and secretary work.

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#8 Key Points

TO PROTECT and SUPPORT victims

#1. DECRIMINALIZING THE ACT OF SOLICITATION

Articles 15 - 16

#2. DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE

Articles 5 - 6 - 10

#3. PATH FOR VICTIMS TO EXIT PROSTITUTION & REINTEGRATE SOCIALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY (Special Fund)

Articles 5 - 7 - 8 - 9 - 17

TO PROSECUTE and PUNISH perpetrators

#4. TO HOLD BUYERS ACCOUNTABLE

Articles 20 - 21

New offence: Purchase of sex acts
Buyers will be fined up to €1,500 and up to €3,750 for repeat offenders

#5. STRENGTHENING THE PREVENTION AND FIGHT against pimping and human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation

Articles 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 8 - 12 - 13 - 14

#6. HEAVIER PENALTIES IN CASES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST VICTIMS

Article 11

TO EDUCATE and RAISE AWARENESS among the public

#7. TO INFORM & EDUCATE THE YOUTH

Articles 18 - 19

#8. FUNDING * TOWARDS THE PREVENTION OF PROSTITUTION

Article 7

*Special Fund for the prevention of prostitution and for the provision of social and professional support to the victims of prostitution
Considering that prostituted people are essentially all women and that clients are almost entirely men, thus violating the principle of gender equality:

1. We reaffirm the abolitionist position of France, the objective of which is ultimately a society without prostitution

2. We proclaim that the notion of irrepressible sexual needs rests on an archaic concept of sexuality that does not legitimize prostitution, nor does it justify sexual assault.

Resolution reaffirming the abolitionist position of France on prostitution, adopted on December 6, 2011 (n.3522), French National Assembly