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EXPERT IN ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING TESTIFIES BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MONETARY POLICY

International Justice Mission attorney to describe the financial impact of trade in humans

Washington, DC - Today at 2:00 pm, Michael O'Connor, International Justice Mission's Director of Operations for South Asia will testify before the House Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology. O'Connor will discuss the June 2005 Trafficking in Persons ("TIP") Report and IJM's continued work in South Asia freeing victims of sex trafficking and prosecuting sex tourists. He will also encourage Congress to publicize the Protect Act and take other measures to deter Americans from sex tourism in foreign countries.

The hearing will be web cast on the House Financial Services Committee. O'Connor's testimony will also be posted on this site after the event. Look for the links on the bottom left of this page: <http://financialservices.house.gov/>

O'Connor will be available for interviews following the testimony. To schedule an interview, please contact Emily Cunningham at **703.465.5495** or email news@ijm.org.

About International Justice Mission:

IJM is a non-profit human rights agency that helps people suffering injustice and oppression overseas who cannot rely on local authorities for relief. IJM's team of attorneys, criminal investigators, and public justice officials mobilize to bring victim relief, structural change and perpetrator accountability. A multi-national team of law enforcement professionals and a highly qualified legal staff conduct criminal investigations and collect evidence to rescue victims and bring perpetrators to justice.

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Haugen who was the Officer in Charge of the U.N. investigation into the Rwandan genocide.

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