Often, this is the very last trace of an abducted child.

One of the best places to put an end to child trafficking in the world is miles above it.



The following list of warning signs does not necessarily imply a person is a victim of trafficking, but a combination of them should be a red flag.

Suspicions should arise when individuals:

- Have few or none of the usual personal items when checking in or boarding a flight
- Are accompanied by someone who is far better dressed
- Avoid eye contact or are watchful to the point of paranoia
- Are unusually submissive to the person(s) accompanying them
- Are not allowed to speak for themselves if directly addressed, with someone else insisting on answering or translating for them
- Do not appear to know where they are or where they are going
- Do not have the freedom to separate themselves from the person(s) accompanying them (to use the restroom, stroll through the aircraft, etc.)
- May exhibit signs of physical abuse
- Appear to be malnourished and/or eat in-flight food ravenously
- Are evidently afraid of uniformed security personnel (being fearful of revealing their immigration status)
- Speak of a "modeling" job or something similar without knowing who will be meeting them upon arrival

It is estimated that 200,000 children are victims of human trafficking each year. Let's work together to bring that number to zero.

Human trafficking, and exploitation takes place in every country, from the richest to the poorest. It feeds on the most vulnerable and is driven by the demand of more affluent countries. It is a huge global criminal business that is second only to drug trafficking in terms of illicit profit. And many of the victims are young children who are transported on commercial aircraft.

## We can make the sky the limit for child trafficking.

Be observant of passengers checking in and boarding your flights, especially young women and children and those who accompany them. Airport or airline personnel should under NO CIRCUMSTANCES confront a suspected trafficker or attempt to question a suspected victim, but rather:

**IF IN THE AIR**, ask the pilots to contact ICE or ground authorities.

**IF ON THE GROUND**, report concerns to the TSA, CBP, ICE, or call the Homeland Security Tipline 1-866-347-2423.

VICTIMS SERVICES, call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline at: 1-888 373-7888

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### About Airline Ambassadors International

### **About Human Trafficking**

Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. It involves an act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring a person through a use of force, coercion or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. Human slavery has become a worldwide epidemic with up to 27 million people living in slavery according to the United States 2012 Trafficking in Persons report.

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(AAI) is a U.S. based 501(c)3 non government organization that is leading the effort to take the issue of human trafficking to the travel industry. It began with a group of flight attendants using their passes to assist children in need, and has expanded to members of all ages and professions. AAI leverages airlines to provide passenger and cargo space for medical and rescue personnel, as well as for food, medicine and humanitarian relief. AAI volunteers also escort children traveling abroad for donated medical procedures and educate on human trafficking awareness.

