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Multilevel protection of the victims of human trafficking

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*The jurisprudence of the European Court of human rights on human trafficking:
the principle of non-punishment of victims*

The purpose of this paper is to illustrate recent developments in the protection of victims of trafficking in human beings in the light of a survey regarding the path of evolution of conventional jurisprudence, which has most recently arrived at the affirmation of the principle of non-punishability of victims of trafficking for acts of crime committed as a result of their condition of exploitation.

The pronouncement that is the subject of the paper offers useful insights into the protection obligations that engage states in the fight against and prevention of this criminal phenomenon.

In addition, through a comparative analysis of the regulations imprinted by the United Kingdom and Italy in the implementation of obligations of an international nature regarding the protection of and assistance to victims of trafficking, the contribution aims to highlight the progress achieved by these jurisdictions and the profiles that require further implementation.