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Asia, the Caucasus and Neighbouring States (known as the "Issyk-Kul Dialogue"); and the Caribbean.

Recommendations endorsed by governments at the end of each consultation have offered clear benchmarks for progress and have served to further discussions on specific migration policy issues—both within the regions concerned and outside them. To illustrate their widespread usage and by way of example, many of the references cited in the Secretary-General's Report on Traffic in Women and Girls to the Human Rights Commission in 2003 (E/CN.4/2003/74) emanate from IMP consultative meetings.

In 2004, UNFPA pledged its support for an evaluation of IMP through the implementation of the Country Reporting System (CRS). CRS consists of a monitoring mechanism, which explores whether IMP recommendations have been implemented in participating countries and if not, identifies obstacles to their implementation. The evaluation was undertaken by an external expert and the project was managed by UNITAR. It consisted in sending survey questionnaires to over 70 government delegates in both the AU region and the Issyk-Kul Dialogue over the span of November 2004-August 2005.

The findings have been compiled in three separate reports. The first report entitled "Regional Consultative Processes for Migration: an Evaluation of IMP's Wot eKTJ -1veapie6f I,nal C" i tive0: an or