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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to advise you of my intention to end my term as the United Kingdom's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. I am vacating the role having been offered a position as Chief Executive of ChildFund Ireland, an international development agency.

It has been a genuine privilege to work with you as Home Secretary and Prime Minister to address modern slavery where vulnerable children, women and men both here in the United Kingdom and internationally are exploited in the most inhumane way.

Your personal leadership in securing ground-breaking legislation in the Modern Slavery Act 2015 acted as a catalyst to ignite global interest and momentum, thereby setting the foundations for others to follow which has been further inspired by your global 'Call to Action.'

Of course, the Modern Slavery Act introduced the role I currently occupy as Commissioner. This position is recognised as one of the key provisions of the Act particularly in respect of independence, which is vital for success of the role. At times independence has felt somewhat discretionary from the Home Office, rather than legally bestowed. I hope that any future incumbent can be assured the independence I am sure you intended as the author of the legislation.

I believe my office, in collaboration with many partners including Government, over the past 3 years has made significant and wide-ranging progress. I leave confident

that this office and the United Kingdom has moved into a role of thought leader and seminal actor on modern slavery.

Amongst the office's proudest achievements I count:

Domestically:

- Over a 100 per cent increase in the identification of potential victims referred for support
- Leading on radically improved support for survivors of modern slavery
- Recorded crimes up by over 500 per cent
- Unprecedented uplift in policing operations
- Embedding sustainable training for judiciary in England & Wales, now extended to Northern Ireland and Scotland
- Developing guidance with the Local Government Association for all councils
- Training through the Royal College of Nursing across the United Kingdom providing advice to the largest body of health care professionals
- Working with governments in Scotland and Northern Ireland developing their strategies
- Identifying and corresponding with non-compliant companies in the FTSE 100 and FTSE 250 to ensure they adhere to section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act
- Securing extensive media coverage of modern slavery including a 4-month campaign with the Evening Standard and Independent
- Advocating for transparent supply chains and businesses
- Supporting many initiatives with trade or industry bodies and endorsing projects or guidance where appropriate
- Supporting faith groups such as Clewer and René Cassin
- Assisting with the development of materials for UK immigration agencies
- Working with the Premier League on their Modern Slavery Academy Cup
- Attending many hundreds of public speaking events

Internationally:

- Drafting, negotiating and achieving inclusion of UN Global Target SDG 8.7
- Negotiating with governmental and private sector actors to include Modern Slavery as a priority within the global agenda such as the B20, G20, UNGA and Security Council
- Identifying and providing recommendations to address root causes of modern slavery including lack of education, employment, poverty, governance vacuums and gender inequality

- Advising and working with many UN agencies
- Holding advisory roles at the global level
- Providing Her Majesty's Government with extensive advice on trafficking associated to global migration issues including in Italy, Greece and Northern France
- Providing leadership and advice on responses for UK priority source countries including Nigeria, Vietnam and Romania
- Co-founding and developing the Santa Marta Group
- Assisting and advising the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
- Advising other nations on developing responses or legislation, as in the case of Australia
- Chairing the board to develop responses to human trafficking within the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland – collaborating across the island of Ireland

I am, and will remain, grateful for the support I received from you personally during my time as Commissioner; if in the future I can be of any assistance to you or your Government in the fight to eradicate this crime I would be delighted to assist.

With every best wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kevin Hyland', written in a cursive style.

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