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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Thank you for your letter of 4 May informing me of your resignation from the post of Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner. I have also passed your letter to the Home Secretary who has overall responsibility for your appointment.

I am grateful for your service in this extremely important role and believe that you should be rightly proud of your achievements. As the first incumbent of the role, you made a significant contribution to shining a spotlight on the scale and nature of modern slavery in the UK and internationally, and have helped to drive progress in the UK response to modern slavery.

In your letter you rightly identify many of your achievements in your time in office, and I am personally grateful to you for the way you have championed the voice of the victims in your approach to the role. I am grateful too for the collaborative way you have worked alongside Government to drive forward reform of the National Referral Mechanism, which will improve our care for some of the most vulnerable people in society.

Your work with law enforcement, and in particular spearheading the importance of recording modern slavery crimes, has changed the way we police these vile crimes. You played a vital role in raising awareness of modern slavery, working effectively with media, but also identifying gaps in knowledge for key public bodies and developing awareness and training materials to improve capability. You have also been an effective advocate in the UK and internationally, highlighting improvements but also rightly challenging where further progress needs to be made.

Finally, you helped to facilitate more effective working with international partners – a strong foundation on which the Government is now building. Your work to co-found the Santa Marta group and in championing the need for integrated responses, which address the root causes of modern slavery, are just some examples of how you have driven a step change in international working.

I am delighted to hear about your new role as CEO of ChildFund Ireland, and I am confident you will bring to it the same commitment and passion you brought as Commissioner.

Thank you again for your service and I wish you every success in your new role.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R. J.', written in a cursive style.

Mr Kevin Hyland OBE