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## Invitation to a CSW Side-Event

# Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: Effective Responses for Women and Girls

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Liechtenstein and of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

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**Monday, 11 March 2019**

**3.00 PM – 4.15 PM**

### Moderators

- **H.E. Christian Wenaweser**, Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein
- **H.E. Valentin Rybakov**, Permanent Representative of Belarus

### Introductory Remarks

- **H.E. Evelyn Wever-Croes**, Prime Minister, Aruba (tbc)
- **The Hon. Kelly O'Dwyer MP**, Minister for Women, Australia

### Panelists

- **H.E. Pramila Patten**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict
- **Kalliopi Mingeirou**, Chief of the Ending Violence Against Women Section, UN Women (on behalf of the Inter-Agency Coordination Group against Trafficking in Persons)
- **Simone Monasebian**, Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, New York Office
- **Frederick Reynolds**, Global Head of Financial Crime Legal, Barclays, Commissioner of the Financial Sector Commission against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- **Akila Radhakrishnan**, President of the Global Justice Center

### Background

Modern slavery and human trafficking are tragically common in today's world and affect virtually every country. An estimated 40 million people were living in modern slavery in 2016, and women and girls are disproportionately affected by these crimes.

According to the 2018 Global Estimates of Modern Slavery, 71% of the victims are female. The UNODC Global Report on Trafficking in Persons 2018 documents that out of the detected trafficking victims 49% are women and 23% are girls. Women and girls make up the majority of victims of commercial sexual exploitation, are exploited for forced labour and forced marriage, or are trafficked for the purpose of organ removal, among other crimes.

Forced labour, slavery and human trafficking are outlawed universally. International norms and obligations range from the Slavery Convention (1926) and its Complementary Convention (1956) to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (2000), and the ILO Convention against Forced Labour (1930) and Forced Labour Protocol (2014). The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015 includes Target 8.7 on ending forced labour, modern slavery and human trafficking in the next 15 years, Target 5.2 on trafficking and sexual exploitation and Target 16.2 on ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.

More recently, innovative international initiatives have been developed, with the potential to be game changers in the fight against modern slavery, forced labour and human trafficking. Among them is the UK Call to Action to End Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, launched at the UNGA in September 2017; and the “Liechtenstein Initiative” for a Financial Sector Commission against Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, launched at the UNGA in September 2018, and responding to calls from the G7, G20, the UN Security Council (Resolution 2331) and the General Assembly to partner with the private sector in tackling modern slavery and human trafficking.

**Questions this event will answer:**

- How does modern slavery and human trafficking affect women and girls?
- How can we effectively respond to these crimes?
- How can Member States, UN agencies, the private sector and civil society work together to close the gap between the strong international norms and the reality on the ground?

This event is open to the public. If you do not hold a UN ground pass or require further details about this event, please contact [lisa.hilti@nyc.llv.li](mailto:lisa.hilti@nyc.llv.li) by 8th March.