



Alliance 8.7 Welcomes World Leaders' Call To End Modern Slavery & Child Labour

Political momentum builds to help the 40 million people living in Modern Slavery, and 152 million children in Child Labour

New York: The call from a diverse group of world leaders to step-up action to end forced labour, modern slavery, human trafficking and the worst forms of child labour has been embraced by Alliance 8.7, the global partnership working to end the aforementioned violations of human rights.

“Statistics released today reveal 40 million people are still living in modern slavery and forced labour and 152 million children are in child labour” an Alliance 8.7 spokesperson said. “Ending modern slavery and child labour by 2030 as the Sustainable Development Goals demand, requires strong political commitment and immediate action”.

The world Leaders, convened by British Prime Minister Theresa May, issued a global call to action, committing themselves to a wide range of actions. These include preventive action to address root causes and drivers, publishing comprehensive national strategies or progress reports annually, ratifying relevant international instruments, working with businesses to deal with global supply chain challenges and putting victims first.

The leaders also called for enhanced international cooperation to tackle the problem and for the Secretary General “to take a leading role in improving the coherence of the response”. Development partners, bi- and multilateral donor agencies and international financial institutions (IFIs) were asked to increase their engagement and close the resourcing gap.

About Alliance 8.7: Alliance 8.7 is an inclusive global partnership with the mission to assist all UN member States to fulfil their commitment to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal 8, Target 8.7.

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