

## **Efforts against human trafficking gain prominence in both the United Kingdom and the United States of America.**

RENATE looks forward to the possibilities for internationally progressing the work against human trafficking, as efforts against human trafficking gain prominence in recent months in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

On the 30th July, the newly appointed UK Prime Minister, Theresa May, committed her government to lead international efforts to defeat modern slavery. Ms. May stated:

"These crimes must be stopped and the victims of modern slavery must go free. This is the great human rights issue of our time, and as Prime Minister I am determined that we will make it a national and international mission to rid our world of this barbaric evil.

"Just as it was Britain that took an historic stand to ban slavery two centuries ago, so Britain will once again lead the way in defeating modern slavery and preserving the freedoms and values that have defined our country for generations."

Her full statement can be found at [http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/30/we-will-lead-the-way-in-defeating-modern-slavery/?mc\\_cid=240d07b7fe&mc\\_eid=ecb1c69a5c](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/30/we-will-lead-the-way-in-defeating-modern-slavery/?mc_cid=240d07b7fe&mc_eid=ecb1c69a5c)

In the United States, the Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton, has published her own anti-slavery strategy entitled, "Here's How I Intend to End Slavery," available at <https://medium.com/hillary-for-america/here-s-how-i-plan-to-end-modern-slavery-67ca2d07a0d>

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, a survivor of human trafficking, Ima Matul Maisaroh, gave a headline speech at the Democratic national Convention in Philadelphia, in which she shared her experience of being trafficked from Indonesia into domestic servitude in Los Angeles. Ima's speech is available at [https://www.demconvention.com/app\\_news/app\\_news\\_speeches/ima-matul-maisaroh/?mc\\_cid=240d07b7fe&mc\\_eid=ecb1c69a5c](https://www.demconvention.com/app_news/app_news_speeches/ima-matul-maisaroh/?mc_cid=240d07b7fe&mc_eid=ecb1c69a5c)

Although Presidential elections in the United States do not take place until the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, it is helpful that the subject of human trafficking is given such a noticeable position during a campaign that attracts worldwide attention.

With the appointment of the World's first Anti-Slavery Commissioner in Britain and the possibility of delivery on commitments made during the US Presidential campaigns, RENATE looks forward to a wider, international commitment to eradicating human trafficking.

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