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Re: Consultation Paper on National Action Plan to Combat Modern Slavery 2020-24

Dear Australian Border Force,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above stated consultation paper.

As a professional service provider that trains and equips businesses and organisations to be leaders in addressing modern slavery in their supply chains and operations, we at Unchained Business Services write to endorse improvements to the National Action Plan to Combat Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, 2015-2019.

However, we believe that the set goals could be reduced to four key principles, with some of the goals functioning as action items for each principle. We also believe that the goals need to be more focussed with achievable and measurable outcomes.

In addition, while we strongly agree that more work needs to be done in the identification, support and restoration of modern slavery survivors, and with the prosecution of perpetrators, the National Action Plan needs to include clear goals and metrics to address the geopolitical and socio-economic dynamics that undergird the trade in human lives.

Modern Slavery intervention cannot be separated from economic development, involving a long-term investment in local communities where those impacted by modern slavery originate.

In this sense, the prevention of modern slavery needs to be at the forefront of a National Action Plan. This entails understanding the push and pull factors that give rise to extreme forms of exploitation for economic gain and addressing those factors through the support of non-government agencies and social enterprises that work with developing communities.

Thank you for accepting this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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