**STOP THE TRAFFIK Global and STOP THE TRAFFIK Netherlands joint statement**

STOP THE TRAFFIK was founded in 2005 as a global coalition by Oasis UK and became an independent global charity in 2007.

STOP THE TRAFFIK Netherlands was founded as an independent organization in 2006 and has been working under a memo of understanding with STOP THE TRAFFIK Global.

Both organisations are legally independent.

STOP THE TRAFFIK Netherlands and STOP THE TRAFFIK Global are committed to working in collaboration with others in order to ensure our vision of a world free from modern day slavery.

However, both organisations acknowledge that since 2015 they have had different strategic priorities, whilst sharing the same values. As STOP THE TRAFFIK Netherlands we have since 2015 worked with STOP THE TRAFFIK Australia on campaigns on chocolate, tea and fashion, whilst continuing to work on our own campaign on preventing child sexual exploitation in the Netherlands.

In order to ensure maximum time, resources and supporter funding is spent on achieving the core mission of eradicating slavery, and to avoid understandable confusion between the operations of the two organisations, both organisations agree that the best way to do this is for each to operate completely independently of the other.

To recognise this, STOP THE TRAFFIK Netherlands will, in due course, change its public brand and change their name to Be slavery free.

Both organisations remain committed to achieving their shared vision and values and therefore remain open to collaboration with each other and the wider civil society movement.