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Dear Stephen,

Consultation paper CPA 2025

I am writing in response to your letter and consultation paper for the CPA 2022-25 Strategic Plan. As Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner I have a statutory responsibility to encourage good practice in the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of slavery and human trafficking offences and the identification of victims. Whilst my remit is predominantly domestic, modern slavery and human trafficking is a global challenge and we must address the global systems and structures allowing it to thrive. With a shared vision for peace, prosperity and democracy the Commonwealth is well placed to lead on anti-slavery and trafficking efforts.

Since my appointment, I have met regularly with the CPA and have been impressed with the achievements of the Modern Slavery Project. This work has been instrumental in sharing good legislative practice across the Commonwealth and has effected real change in the development and strengthening of modern slavery-related legislation. I am also encouraged by continued efforts to share learning and good practice among Commonwealth parliamentarians and collaboration with the Modern Slavery Policy and Evidence Centre.

It is vital that the UK continues meaningful engagement during a time of such profound change and uncertainty. I sincerely hope that the CPA continues its leadership on modern slavery as a thematic priority and that funding is realised for further ambitious work. One important area in which the CPA could influence concerted international action is through encouragement and support for the adoption of supply chain legislation across the Commonwealth.

Yours sincerely,



Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner