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**HLCM-PN Statement on Combating Human Trafficking**  
**and Forced Labour in UN Supply Chains**

The organizations of the United Nations system state their *intention and commitment* to continue taking active steps to combating the risk of human trafficking and forced labour in UN supply chains, promoting respect of human rights and exercising due diligence with a human-centered approach.

*Answering the call* of UN Security Council Resolution [S/RES/2388](#), UN General Assembly Resolution [76/7](#), and ECOSOC Resolution [2021/25](#), we *recognize* the need to enhance transparency in UN supply chains and strengthen protections against trafficking in persons and forced labour in all UN activities. We intend to do so by promoting due diligence and labour standards across UN supply chains, acknowledging this as fundamental to sustainable development and the overall successful execution of the UN mandate.

We *recognize* the importance of embedding throughout the UN system measures to combat human trafficking and forced labour in UN supply chains, while acknowledging the immense challenge of this complex issue. As such, tackling this problem effectively requires the involvement and contribution of all UN staff and departments, from policy creation through to implementation.

We *remain* committed to addressing the root causes of these challenges, and to working together to ascertain common approaches that mitigate the risk of human trafficking and forced labour in UN supply chains.

In this regard, the Procurement Network (PN) *pledges* its commitment to promote due diligence as it relates to human trafficking and forced labor in the UN procurement and supply chains, using a human-centered approach.

This objective will be pursued through the *approval by the PN today, for adoption by the HLCM*, of the Policy Framework to Combat Forced Labour and Human Trafficking in UN Supply Chains which includes the due diligence guidance document, general conditions of contract and supplier code of conduct.

All United Nations entities are *encouraged to consider* this Guidance when developing their respective institutional frameworks and to report on progress to the HLCM-PN to allow for further UN system wide development in this area.