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Justice

ANTI-SLAVERY DAY: INTERDEPARTMENTAL MINISTERIAL GROUP ON MODERN SLAVERY

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Mr Ford (The Minister of Justice): Human trafficking and slavery are dreadful crimes which have a devastating impact on victims. Every effort must be made to combat these crimes and ensure that the perpetrators, who deceive and exploit vulnerable people for their personal gain, are brought to justice.

The Department of Justice is committed to working with colleagues across the United Kingdom to ensure that the response to trafficking and exploitation is as effective and robust as possible. The Justice Minister represents Northern Ireland on the Interdepartmental Ministerial Group on Modern Slavery, which has published a statement to mark the occurrence of Anti Slavery Day on 18 October.

This statement outlines the activity across the United Kingdom, on both a legislative and non-legislative basis, to tackle trafficking and exploitation. It also outlines the work that the administrations intend to take forward over the coming year.

Copies of the statement will be available in the Assembly library.