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Modern Slavery and Corruption:
Examining the Links and Addressing the Challenges

When: Friday, 4 June 2021, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. EDT (TBC)

Where: VTC (Zoom Webinar) – Registration Link:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sFzcYwRZRSm-CoBRCyPP1w

Panelists: Ms. Hazel Feigenblatt, Independent Anti-Corruption Expert
Ms. Anga Timilsina, Global Programme Advisor on Anti-corruption, UNDP
Ms. Silvina Rivarola, Programme Manager, Egmont Centre of Excellence and Leadership
Mr. Daniel Thelesklaf, Head of Secretariat, Liechtenstein Initiative for Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST)

Moderator: H.E. Christian Wenaweser, Permanent Representative, Liechtenstein to the UN

Background:

There is a considerable body of evidence that shows that corruption (and money laundering) enables illegal trade, and thus taking an anti-corruption approach to tackling illegal trade is increasingly acknowledged as being meaningful in addition to the existing tools to fight such crimes. Little attention, however, has been paid to exploring the link between corruption and modern slavery. According to a forthcoming UNDP study, corruption is a facilitator of exploitation leading some of the world’s most vulnerable populations into modern slavery. This event will therefore showcase the links and discuss the challenges associated with addressing this phenomenon.

In this context, this event will also discuss the role of the financial sector in addressing modern slavery, with a focus on its links to corruption. It will pay particular attention to Unlocking Potential: A Blueprint for Mobilizing Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking, a product of the Liechtenstein Initiative for Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST). FAST, hosted at United Nations University – Centre for Policy Research, is an initiative supported by Liechtenstein, Australia, the Netherlands, as well as the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), that aims to implement the Blueprint to help end modern slavery, human trafficking, forced labor and child labor in accordance with Target 8.7 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Contact: After the panel discussion, the floor will be opened for questions and answers. For any further questions please contact: Mr. Sina Alavi at Sina.Alavi@llv.li