

## **ROME HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SLAVERY CONFERENCE 2014**

### **DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT**

On this date 10th April 2014 in the Vatican, senior law enforcement officials and representatives of the Catholic Church met to plan ways of together combating Human Trafficking and Slavery.

The Holy Father Pope Francis has endorsed this event and has stated:

*'I exhort the international community to adopt an even more unanimous and effective strategy against human trafficking, so that in every part of the world, men and women may no longer be used as a means to an end, and that their inviolable dignity may always be respected.'*

As senior law enforcement officials within the international community, we commit to eradicate the scourge of this serious criminal activity, which abuses vulnerable people. This conference is part of a process where we work together on the international stage to develop strategies in prevention, pastoral care and re-integration, placing the victim at the centre of all we do.

I make a personal commitment to developing partnerships with the Church and civil society to bring to justice those who are responsible for these horrendous crimes and to alleviate the suffering of the victims.