Statement pursuant to the Modern Slavery Act 2015

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**Introduction**

The Modern Slavery Act 2015 came into effect on 29th October 2015. This law requires manufacturers, commercial organisations, and retailers doing business in the UK which supply goods or services and have an annual turnover exceeding £36M to disclose information regarding their policies to eradicate slavery and human trafficking from their supply chain and within their organisation.

University of St Andrews is committed to responsible procurement and embedding this in all its procurement activity and fulfilling its requirements for goods, services, and works for the institution without causing harm to others. In so doing, the University is committed to supporting the UK Government’s approach to implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The University’s Procurement Strategy drives our principles and approach to ensuring ethical procurement. University of St Andrews is also a member institution of Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC). Our Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy ([https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/procurement/sustain-proc-policy.pdf](https://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/media/procurement/sustain-proc-policy.pdf)) is also aligned to the APUC Code of Conduct ensuring consistency in approach to the Supply Chain. APUC is represented on the ETI Modern Slavery Working Group looking at how public bodies and businesses are meeting the demands of the modern slavery bill and showing good practice.

**Purpose of the Statement**

This statement is designed to demonstrate our commitment to the Modern Slavery Act 2015, (and specifically to section 54 (1)), and the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Act 2015 by informing our students, staff, campaigners and the public about University of St Andrews and its policy with respect to modern slavery, human trafficking, forced and bonded labour and labour rights violations in its supply chains.

**Key Categories**

The University’s main areas of expenditure can broadly be categorised as follows:

- Science, Technical, Engineering and Medical, and Laboratory Goods and Services
- Professional Services
- ICT Equipment and Services
- Residential Services
- Estates Goods, Services and Works

In all tenders issued by the University St Andrews all suppliers are required to complete and submit relevant sections of our Sustainable and Ethical Procurement Policy. Among other matters this covers:

- Social Impacts
- Environmental Impacts
- Ethical and Economic Impacts
- Equality
- Diversity
- Inclusion
- 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact
- International labour Organisation (ILO) convention 138
**ICT Equipment**

University of St Andrews supports the principles of Electronics Watch, an independent monitoring organisation working to achieve respect for labour rights in the global electronics industry through socially responsible public purchasing in Europe. We work closely with Electronics Watch and include their contract monitoring clauses in all relevant agreements that we award. We work with our contracted suppliers to implement commit to new monitoring regimes where corporate codes of conduct and social auditing policies and practices are failing in their transparency and effectiveness.

**Violations**

The University of St Andrews has a zero-tolerance policy in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking. We are committed to conducting all business dealings and relationships in an ethical and transparent manner.

**Our Plans for the Future**

As part of this reporting exercise now and in the coming years, the University expresses its commitment to better understand its supply chains and work towards greater transparency and responsibility towards people working within them.

Additionally, we will continue to work with APUC on the use of the ‘Sustain’ web tool for supplier assessment.

This statement has been approved and published by the Office of the Principal and will be reviewed at least once annually. If you have any questions, please contact:

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