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To Whom It May Concern:

Human trafficking is a large-scale phenomenon that affects our society, it is a phenomenon with an accelerated growth trend, which makes a collaboration between local and national government with international coordination necessary.

For this purpose, an opportunity that provides a huge added value in the fight to reduce the phenomenon is the international collaboration through the Taskforce initiated by the expert in the field, Anne Basham, starting in 2021.

For Romania, it is of great importance that we have the opportunity to participate and be active members in such a collaboration, thus having the opportunity to present the extent and characteristics of the phenomenon of human trafficking both in our country and in the Central Eastern region of Europe.

I am writing this letter to extend my support and recommendation of the work that the **Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking (ITHT)** is doing in order to end human trafficking, a global problem being one of the world's most shameful crimes, affecting the lives of millions of people around the world and robbing them of their dignity.

Ms. Anne Basham, Chairman of the ITHT, has been able to successfully bring together not only Parliamentarians, government leaders, policy experts, but also survivors the voices whom is incredibly important to the global discussion of human trafficking, who are committed to creating solutions to stop the greatest humanitarian crisis in the world today. Moreover, it is important to recognize that human trafficking is a social justice concern, and proper measures must be in place to combat this issue.

In order to end human trafficking in Romania, it is critical that anti-trafficking actors work comprehensively and across borders. It is of a particular importance to develop a clear understanding of the issues that we are trying to solve and *collectively* determine how this issue fits within the *larger effort* to end slavery.

I am honored to express my sincere appreciation to Chairman Anne Basham and to the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking that offers change makers a framework for the collective action needed to accelerate progress in ending slavery. There is much work to be done to end human trafficking, particularly in regards to the crimes against women and but also to the humanity, and I look forward to advancing this mission in a forum with experts and survivors alike.

Our cooperation, our common commitment, the outstanding professional knowledge, which serves as the basis of our activities, guarantee that this Taskforce is a significant tool in our hands, by reducing and eradicating the phenomenon.

Sincerely,

Biró Rozália-Ibolya,

Chairperson
Committee on Foreign Policy – Chamber of Deputies
Romanian Parliament

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Biro Rozalia". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.