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Osamor MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for International

Development, commenting on the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition on 23 August, said:

“Today we remember the struggles of millions of slaves who, through everyday resistance over decades, brought about the abolition of slavery and showed the power of collective action.

“But there are still 45.8 million people locked in modern slavery, including in child slavery, trafficking and sexual exploitation. It is estimated that illegal profits are to the tune of US\$ 150 billion globally.

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May's government is right to make this a priority. But it must do more to address the root causes of modern slavery, and not treat its symptoms in isolation. Only a Labour government will bring the international leadership and cooperation needed to tackle labour exploitation and deregulation, combat trafficking, and raise standards on supply chain transparency.”