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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton unveiled the
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June 19, 2012



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[Letter from Secretary Clinton](#)

The following excerpts of Secretary of State Hillary R. Clinton's letter is part of the larger [2012 Trafficking in Persons Report \(TIP\)](#). The Secretary of State submits this yearly report to Congress as required under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), the first comprehensive U.S. federal law to protect victims of trafficking and prosecute their traffickers. The TIP report defines various terms concerning human trafficking and establishes a framework of prevention, protection and prosecution to combat trafficking in persons and to protect victims.

Dear Reader:

Over the coming months we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, which Abraham Lincoln announced on September 22,

1862 and issued by Executive Order on January 1, 1863. In 1865, as the guns of the Civil War fell silent, the Congress passed and the states ratified as the 13th Amendment to the Constitution President Lincoln's commitment that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall exist in the United States."

Like the United States, countries around the world have enacted laws and adopted international instruments to end slavery as a legal institution and to eliminate it as a criminal practice. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude. More recently, the UN Palermo Protocol has made the abolition of modern-day slavery a part of international law and a policy-making priority. Governments across the globe are united in this struggle.

Yet, despite the adoption of treaties and laws prohibiting slavery, the evidence nevertheless shows that many men, women, and children continue to live in modern-day slavery through the scourge of trafficking in persons.

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