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## **Cayman Islands Government**

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015

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Dear Mr. Austin-Smith,

Thank you for your letter dated May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 regarding the matter of trafficking in persons. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is keen to ensure alignment between applicable legislative instruments and processes employed by our agencies. A key goal in this regard is to mitigate or avoid risks associated with illegal migration as well as effectively identify and handle instances of smuggling and trafficking in persons.

As such, in conjunction with the Police Service and the Department of Immigration, the Ministry has undertaken to discuss the matter with the Attorney General in order to gain clarity with respect to the various legal frameworks and subsequent responsibilities of those agencies.

We will update the HRC as material progress is made on this matter and welcome any further enquiries you may have.

Sincerely,

Michael Ebanks

**Deputy Chief Officer (Acting)**