

Theresa May

The Right Honourable Baroness May of Maidenhead

The Rt Hon the Baroness May, served as the second female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom from 2016 to 2019. Her premiership marked the culmination of 21 years of continued service on the front bench, having held 14 ministerial and shadow ministerial positions during this time.

During Baroness May's tenure as Home Secretary, she introduced the Modern Slavery Act 2015, making the UK become the first country in the world to require large businesses to report on how they prevent modern slavery in their operations and supply chains.

The changes in the Act marked a turning point in the fight against modern slavery - and the 2019 Measure, Action, Freedom (MAF) report by the Global Slavery Index named the UK as the most proactive country in the world in dealing with modern slavery. Baroness May continued to promote the anti-slavery agenda as Prime Minister and at the 72nd meeting of the UN General Assembly, where she presented a Call to Action to End Forced Labour, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, which was signed by over 90 countries.

Since leaving office, Baroness May launched the Global Commission on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.