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TO THE COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

We have the honour to present to the Council of the League of Nations the report of our investigation into the traffic in women and children.

The report is divided into two parts. The first part contains a concise account of the facts disclosed by the investigation and a statement of the conclusions founded upon them. A large mass of material has been collected, of which the more important, arranged according to countries, is printed in the second part.

We desire to express our thanks to all the representatives of the Governments and other persons in the countries visited who gave active and willing help to the investigators in their task. Without this cordial co-operation our duty could not have been performed.

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