

**COMMEMORATING
THE 200th ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ABOLITION OF THE
SLAVE TRADE ACT**



**BREAKING
THE CHAINS**

**Over 17 million Africans
were enslaved and millions
were murdered during
the 300 years of the
transatlantic slave trade.**

**Why does 'sorry' seem to be the
hardest word?**

Dear Prime Minister,

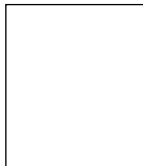
I urge you to mark the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act 1807 by issuing an apology of substance for Britain's central role in this barbaric chapter of history as the first and largest slave trading empire.

The forcible transportation and enslavement of between 10 and 15 million Africans during a period of 300 years was based on the notion of white supremacy. The bicentenary offers an opportunity to acknowledge the slave trade as one of the most heinous crimes against humanity and recognise and challenge its continuing legacy of racism and inequality.

I call on you to institute an annual day to commemorate the victims of the slave trade and mark the achievements of Africans and the African diaspora and all those who resisted slavery from its inception through to its abolition.

Yours faithfully,

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