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Dear Professor Sir Malcolm,

### UK National Preventive Mechanism

I previously wrote to you on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014, to advise of changes to the UK National Preventive Mechanism (UK NPM), which was established in 2009 in compliance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

I am now writing to advise that we have expanded the UK National Preventive Mechanism to include the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation (IRTL). This decision, which follows discussions with both the IRTL and the UK NPM, was announced in Parliament, and I attach the link to the relevant documents <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Lords/2017-01-12/HLWS412/>

As you will be aware the UK NPM has its own website, which provides information on all member bodies via <http://www.nationalpreventivemechanism.org.uk/members/>

I am copying this letter to David Anderson QC, the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, and John Wadham, the Chair of the UK National Preventive Mechanism.

Yours sincerely,