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Meeting: 1451st meeting (December 2022) (DH)

Communication from the authorities (24/10/2022) concerning the case of McKerr v. the United Kingdom (Application No. 28883/95)

Information made available under Rule 8.2a of the Rules of the Committee of Ministers for the supervision of the execution of judgments and of the terms of friendly settlements.

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Réunion: 1451e réunion (décembre 2022) (DH)

Communication des autorités (24/10/2022) relative à l'affaire McKerr c. Royaume-Uni (requête n° 28883/95) [anglais uniquement].

Informations mises à disposition en vertu de la Règle 8.2a des Règles du Comité des Ministres pour la surveillance de l'exécution des arrêts et des termes des règlements amiables.

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Re: Mckerr Group of cases

Dear Clare.

I write to provide a short update regarding the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill, particularly on developments in the legislative process and the measures undertaken to work with victims, their families and all other stakeholders. We have noted that the last CMDH decision called on the authorities "to take all necessary measures and devote sufficient time, before they pursue progression and adoption of the Bill, for discussions and meaningful effective engagement with all stakeholders to address their concerns and garner the widest possible public trust and confidence."

As stated at the previous CMDH, the UK Government recognises that concerns have been raised about the legislation, and continues to carefully consider how these might be addressed as the Bill proceeds through Parliament, including through continued engagement with stakeholders. Indeed, since September, the UK Government has continued to engage constructively at both ministerial and official level with partners and stakeholders, including the Irish Government (including at the recent British and Irish Intergovernmental Conference), and the Northern Ireland parties.

Due to the recent death of HM Queen Elizabeth II, Second Reading of the Bill, which was originally scheduled for 13 September, was postponed, and is currently awaiting to be rescheduled. The UK Government will be happy to provide a further update to

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the Committee once legislative timetabling is confirmed and a more substantive update is possible.

Yours sincerely,

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