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Communication from the authorities (05/12/2022) concerning the case of MCKERR v. the United Kingdom (Application No. 28883/95)

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

Communication des autorités (05/12/2022) relative à l'affaire MCKERR c. Royaume-Uni (requête n° 28883/95) **[anglais uniquement]**.

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Dear DEJ Secretariat,

I write to provide a short update regarding the Northern Ireland Troubles (Legacy and Reconciliation) Bill ahead of the upcoming CMDH debate on 6-8 December 2022.

On 23 November, the legislation received its Second Reading in the House of Lords, during which the Government announced its intention to introduce amendments in a number of key areas once the Bill reaches Committee Stage.

This includes amendments addressing issues specifically raised within the CMDH decision in September, including on ECHR compatibility; the independence of the new Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery; and strengthening provisions regarding conditional immunity by introducing sanctions for individuals found guilty of lying to the Commission; and creating stronger incentives for individuals to engage with the Commission, including how best to penalise those who don't engage.

These proposed changes reflect the significant engagement that has taken place on the Bill, including with victims and survivors. We hope that the announcement of these proposed changes will demonstrate that the Government is engaging constructively, and in good faith, with stakeholders, and is genuine in its stated desire to work with all interested parties regarding their concerns.

This will not be the final opportunity to amend the Bill, and the Government continues to engage and welcome feedback on how the Bill might be further improved. The

Government is not expediting the passage of the Bill, and is providing time for further engagement with stakeholders in advance of amending stages. Timings for the next phase of parliamentary passage, Committee Stage, will be announced in due course, but will not take place until after the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

RUTH SLOAN

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