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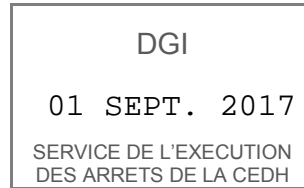
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**FROM THE AMBASSADOR AND  
UK PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE**

1 September 2017

Christos Giakoumopoulos  
Director General for Human Rights and Rule of Law  
Council of Europe

*Dear Director General,*

#### **HIRST GROUP v UNITED KINGDOM**

As you will be aware, when the deadline was set for the UK to submit an action plan on prisoner voting by 1 September 2017, we did not expect a general election to be called in June. Between the general election being called and polling day no parliamentary activity could take place and the government had to act on a caretaker basis, meaning that policy could not be developed further. In addition, following the June general election there have been a number of ministerial changes.

Nonetheless, the Government is working hard to ensure that the action plan on the issue of prisoner voting is submitted within a reasonable time. There will be a delay from the 1 September deadline, but I hope that we will be able to send it to you by early autumn.

The UK Government regards the European Convention and its institutions with the utmost respect. On a personal note, I look forward to continuing the close work with the Secretariat whose expertise and suggestions have been so valuable on this issue.

*Yours sincerely*

*Christopher Yvon*

Christopher Yvon  
Ambassador and UK Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe