

Ref: CommHR/MOF/sf 138-2025

The Rt Hon Shabana MAHMOOD MP

Secretary of State for the Home Department of the United Kingdom

Strasbourg, 20 October 2025

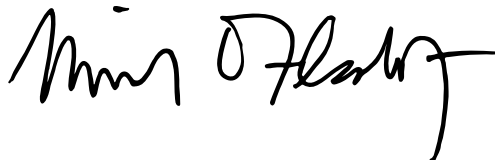
Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October. I am encouraged by your insistence on the importance the government attaches to the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, as well as your commitment to keep the legal framework on protests under review.

As regards your comment on the human rights of trans people, I emphatically underline that my letter to the Joint Committee on Human Rights and the Women and Equalities Committee in no way calls into question the role of the Supreme Court. As is clearly stated, my observations relate to the steps that now need to be taken following the Court's judgment.

My Office remains at the disposal of your Ministry to follow up, as appropriate, on the issues raised in our correspondence.

Yours sincerely,



Michael O'Flaherty