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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Commissioner

Thank you for your letter of 10 August, in which you call for a judge-led inquiry into the UK's involvement in detainee mistreatment and rendition.

I am grateful for your interest. The UK places great value on the role of the Council of Europe and the role of the Commissioner and will continue to support you in your important work highlighting human rights issues.

Further to my written ministerial statement of 28 June in the UK Parliament, and the response from the Minister of State for Europe and the Americas to an Urgent Parliamentary Question on 2 July, I would like to assure you that the Government is giving due consideration to calls for another judge-led inquiry. We are also working to provide a full response to the conclusions and recommendations made by the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC) in their recent reports on detainee matters.

I am also pleased to inform you that Sir Adrian Fulford, the Investigatory Powers Commissioner, has accepted my invitation to review the Consolidated Guidance. He will consider the views of both the ISC and civil society as he examines how to improve this guidance and his office has now launched a public consultation about it.

The Government will update the UK Parliament in due course and I have asked the UK's Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe to ensure that you are kept informed.

Thank you, once again, for writing.

Yours sincerely

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