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Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you in relation to e-petition 300059, which calls on the Government to take the necessary action to enable Intelligence and Security Committee's report on Russia to be published.

This petition has now received over 100,000 signatures, the threshold at which we normally consider petitions for debate in Westminster Hall. Due to the suspension of sittings in Westminster Hall we are unable to schedule petitions for debate, so are pursuing the requests made by petitions that reach this threshold in other ways, including through correspondence with Ministers.

On 19 March the Government provided a written response to this petition, stating that the Russia Report is the property of the ISC and is for them to publish, and said that the new Committee is being formed in the normal way and at the normal pace. The Government's response stated that following the 2017 General Election, it took just over five months to appoint the Committee. However, it has now been almost seven months since the 2019 general election.

I am writing to put to you the views of the more than hundred thousand people who have signed this petition, calling for the Russia Report to be published, and to urge you to expedite the establishment of the Intelligence and Security Committee, so that this report can be published.

Given the ongoing interest in this matter in the House, and already extensive delays to the appointment of this Committee, I would be grateful if you could respond to this letter and provide an updated response to this petition by Monday 13 July

I have copied this letter to the Foreign Secretary, whose department provided the written response to this petition.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine". The script is cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'C'.

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee

Cc: Rt Hon Dominic Raab MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs