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Dear Sarah,

I was pleased to appear before the IDC on 24 May as part of the Committee's ongoing inquiry into the UK government's approach to atrocity prevention. Thank you for your letter of 26 May requesting additional information.

Information promised on 24 May

You asked for clarity on which National Security Council (NSC) Minister is responsible for atrocity prevention. The Foreign Secretary, who is a member of the NSC, has responsibility for atrocity prevention policy across the UK government.

You requested an early version of the forthcoming PSVI strategy for Committee feedback. The strategy is due to be published later this summer. I am afraid it will not be possible for the Committee to see an early version. However, we would be happy to include the PSVI strategy on the agenda for the Committee's briefing with Leigh Stubblefield.

You also requested a copy of the Myanmar Country Plan; the plan for this year is currently under review, but we will be happy to share it with the Committee, in confidence, when it has been finalised. In the meantime, I attach the Myanmar Country Plan for 2021. We would also be happy to share Myanmar's most recent Joint Analysis of Conflict and Stability (JACS) if the Committee would find it useful to see it.

Additional questions

Atrocity prevention work is overseen by Nick Dyer, Director General Humanitarian & Development, whose grade is SCS3. It is delegated to Leigh Stubblefield, Deputy Director Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and Mediation (grade SCS1).

Please see the latest version of JACS Guidance attached, noting that it is classified as Official and is not a public document. This recently updated version includes a section on atrocities. Following the launch of the Office for Conflict, Stabilisation and Mediation, we will be exploring whether and how we can further update the JACS guidance.

We assume that the risk headings you refer to are the global conflict and instability horizon scan which we use for the Principal Risk Report (PRR). We feel that it would be simpler

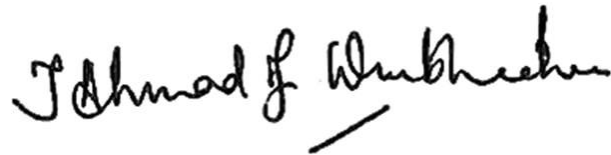
and clearer for this to be included as part of the briefing scheduled for June and would be grateful for confirmation that the Committee is content to proceed in this manner.

The current Responsibility to Protect (R2P) focal point is Neil Briscoe, Deputy Director UN and Multilateral (grade SCS1).

You asked for further information on conflict and atrocity prevention training completion across FCDO. Across the three Conflict Prevention modules available at Foundation and Practitioner level, 262 people have completed one or more units over the past year. As the modules are split across different platforms, we are unable to obtain detailed information about the grades or roles of learners; however, there has been engagement from across the network, including at Posts in Kuwait, Tunis, Bogota, Juba, and Tbilisi. 45 people have engaged with the Atrocity Response module. These include colleagues at Post in Kathmandu, Ouagadougou, Bilbao, Yangon, and Sarajevo.

I hope the above answers your questions and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lord (Tariq) Ahmad of Wimbledon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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