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From Dr Hywel Francis MP, Chair

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP,
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Dear Theresa,

Counter-terrorism measures

I am writing to you about the package of counter-terrorism measures announced by the Prime Minister in his statement to the House of Commons on Monday 1 September. The Prime Minister announced a number of measures and indicated that the Government intends to act consistently with its international obligations.

My Committee will scrutinise any new counter-terrorism measures for their human rights compatibility and to help it in that task it would be grateful to receive a detailed memorandum on the compatibility of each proposed measure with the UK's human rights obligations, identifying all of the obligations which the Government considers to be relevant and explaining why, in the Government's view, the measures are compatible with those obligations. It would be helpful if the memorandum could also identify the evidence which demonstrates that existing powers are inadequate and which therefore demonstrates the necessity for the new measures

I would also be grateful if you could indicate the likely timetable for the introduction of the various measures, and assure me that my Committee will be afforded a proper opportunity to carry out detailed scrutiny of the measures before they become law.

It would be helpful if we could receive your reply by 3 October 2014. I would also be grateful if your officials could provide the Committee secretariat with a copy of your response in Word format, to aid publication. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Yours
Hywel*

Dr Hywel Francis
Chair