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Sir Oliver,

Universal Periodic Review of the UK

I am writing to thank you for your commitment to give evidence to my Committee on Wednesday 26 April on the subject of the UK's forthcoming Universal Periodic Review ("UPR") by the UN Human Rights Council. In your letter dated 13 September 2016 you welcomed the Committee's engagement with the review process and the Committee is pleased that you are facilitating that engagement by appearing before it the week before the UK's review by the Council. This shows a very welcome commitment by the Government to increasing Parliament's engagement with the UPR process.

In order to help the Committee prepare for the evidence session I would be grateful if you could send us immediately the UK's national report that has been submitted to the UN. This was due to be submitted on 2 February 2017. I understand that it was submitted on 20 February but has not been published by the Government, nor has it appeared on the UN's UPR website. I look forward to receiving a copy of the Report by return.

Harriet Harman

Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP
Chair