



Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights
Commission des questions juridiques et des droits de l'homme

The Chairperson

Strasbourg, 8 December 2015

Dear Ms Harman

Please allow me, first, to congratulate you on your recent appointment to the chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. This is an important responsibility, in particular the context of the renewed challenge posed by the need to fight terrorism whilst respecting human rights.

In this context, I cannot but welcome the inquiry undertaken by the JCHR on the subject of drones and targeted killings. I should like to draw your attention to recent work done on this subject by the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights. Here is a link to the report adopted by the Assembly earlier this year:

<http://assembly.coe.int/nw/xml/XRef/Xref-DocDetails-EN.asp?fileid=21747&lang=EN&search=ZHJvbmVz>

At its recent meeting on 8 December, in Paris, my committee invited me to suggest to you that we organise an exchange of views between a delegation of the JCHR and our Committee on this subject and other matters of mutual interest. Such an exchange of views could be organised during the April 2015 plenary session of the Assembly (18-22 April). My proposal would be to hold such an exchange of views on either Tuesday 19 April 2016 or Thursday 21 April 2016 if either of these dates were convenient for your Committee. The precise arrangements could be discussed between our respective committee secretariats.

Yours sincerely,

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