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Lord Tyrie and Mr Clark MP

All Party Parliamentary Group on Rendition

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Dear Lord Tyrie and Mr Clark MP,

I recently attended an event [insert details, e.g. with Professor Ruth Blakeley and human rights charity Reprieve] that highlighted UK government collusion in torture and subsequent suppression of parliamentary investigations.

I am writing to lend my support to the APPG’s work to secure:

1. A judge-led inquiry into UK past involvement in torture and CIDT.
2. That the UK government reaffirms its position that there are no circumstances in which torture and CIDT can ever be justified. Government ministers must never approve actions where there is a risk of torture or CIDT in any circumstances.
3. A complete overhaul of the consolidated guidance and related policy documents to prevent torture and Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment (CIDT) when UK agencies collaborate with third party states in terror suspects detention.

You may be aware that [The Rendition Project](https://www.therenditionproject.org.uk/about/) co-Directors Professor Blakeley (University of Sheffield) and Dr Sam Raphael (University of Westminster) sent a joint response to the recent consultation on the consolidated guidance led by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner’s Office (IPCO). Their comments were reiterated in submissions from the following groups, and of course the APPG itself:

* Reprieve and Freedom from Torture
* Amnesty International
* Fair Trials
* Privacy International
* Redress

The academics, politicians and activists called on the UK government to:

* Provide a clear and unambiguous statement on the prohibition of torture and CIDT in all circumstances, including prohibiting Ministers from sanctioning operations where there is a risk of torture or CIDT;
* Develop a more rigorous risk assessment tool to help guide UK personnel so that they do not run the risk of colluding or torture or CIDT;
* Explicitly include rendition as a form of CIDT;
* Establish more robust procedures around the seeking of assurances that torture and CIDT are a risk including robust procedures for following up on and monitoring the situations where assurances are provided;
* Develop mechanisms for redress where actions are taken by British personnel that result in torture or CIDT.

I support these recommendations and lend my support to APPG calls for government action on all of the above.

I look forward to seeing how the APPG acts on these proposals and the government responds.

Sincerely

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