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Dear Adrian,

Final Statement by the UK National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: Privacy International and Gamma International UK Ltd.

I am writing to tell you that I am placing into the House Libraries today copies of a new Final Statement by the UK National Contact Point (NCP) for the OECD Guidelines. This meets the commitment in the UK NCP's published procedures to make its Final Statements available to Parliament. The Final Statement will also be published today on the NCP webpage at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-national-contact-point-statements>

The Final Statement makes findings and recommendations on a complaint made to the NCP in February 2013 by the UK NGO Privacy International and other NGOs. The complaint alleged that the UK company Gamma International UK Limited acted inconsistently with human rights provisions of the OECD Guidelines by supplying spyware used to target Bahraini democracy activists. The Final Statement was issued to the parties in December 2014. The NCP found the company's actions inconsistent with the Guidelines and has made recommendations to the company and the wider Gamma Group (the UK company is not currently trading).

The Final Statement also records the NCP's procedure in the complaint. An addendum notes that Gamma requested a procedural review (as parties are entitled to do at the

end of the process). The request has been refused by the UK NCP Steering Board, and this means that the Final Statement can now be made public.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Swinson', written in a cursive style.

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