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Dear Mr Ghezraoui

The London Borough of Haringey (Wards Corner Regeneration Project) Compulsory Purchase Order 2016

I write further to the letter ("the Letter") dated 21 July 2017 as signed by each of Karima Bennoune (Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights), Rita Izsak-Ndiaye (Special Rapporteur on minority issues) and Surya Deva (Chair-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises).

The Letter requests a response within 60 days. I shall respond more fully within this period.

In the interim, I would refer you to the following points:

1. The Letter makes a number of allegations, in respect of which I am taking advice before reverting more fully. However, I emphasise that all allegations of indirect discrimination in the exercise of human rights are strongly denied.
2. In this context, I am disappointed that a press release was issued on behalf of the OHCHR on 27 July 2017 pursuant to which a number of the disputed allegations in the Letter were repeated, before we have had an opportunity to respond in full to the Letter. Please confirm that no further press releases, or other public comments, regarding the contents of the Letter will be made by, or on behalf of, the OHCHR until we have responded in full to the Letter (as above).
3. The second paragraph of the Letter states that the authors of the Letter have received 'information' concerning the alleged planned expulsion and demolition of the Seven Sisters Indoor Market. I should be grateful if you would provide me with a full copy of the information that was received by the authors of the Letter and/or otherwise informed the contents of the Letter. Given that this information is likely to inform our fuller response to the Letter, please provide us with this information within 14 days of the date of this letter.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



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