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The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to submit its **initial** response to communication AL GBR 8/2026, further to the letter dated 24 June 2026 from the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers. Please note that a further response will follow.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Special Procedures Branch
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights



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Response to Special Procedure communications AL GBR 8/2026 of 24 June 2026 sent by the the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment; the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers

Thank you for your letter JAL GBR 8/2026 dated 24 June 2026 regarding Imprisonment for Public Protection (IPP) sentences.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland recognises the importance of human rights special procedures. We can confirm that we are currently working on responding to the issues you raise in this letter, which we will provide as soon as possible.