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Dear Martin and Amy

## Protection of Children Outside the UK Investigation – Phase Two

I write as an update to the Home Office's closing submissions. In the Home Office's closing submissions reference was made at paragraph 9 to a speech by the Home Secretary in September 2018 to the NSPCC where the Home Secretary said that "*Just last week the Prime Minister announced that the UK will build a new cyber centre in Nairobi to help Kenyan police stop child abuse images being shared online.*"

The Home Office has been informed by the FCO that the aforementioned cyber centre has now opened which allows Kenyan authorities for the first time (and uniquely in Africa) to investigate and prosecute internet-based child abuse. US and other laws prevent the sharing of child abuse imagery outside national borders, meaning the Kenyan unit previously had no access to evidence on major global platforms such as Google or Facebook. The new cyber centre creates a virtual private network over which such evidence can now be shared. It gives Kenyan investigators access to Interpol's child abuse database, allowing them to draw on global expertise in identifying abuse victims and tracing paedophile networks. The FCO anticipates further arrests of abuse networks in Kenya and elsewhere to follow soon as a result of this new capability. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime intend to establish this cyber centre as a regional centre of excellence and develop similar capabilities elsewhere in East Africa.

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Yours sincerely

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