

**NOTICE OF PROVISIONAL DETERMINATION
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION**

1. On 3 June 2016 the Inquiry invited anyone who wished to be designated as a core participant in the Accountability and Reparations investigation to make an application to the Solicitor to the Inquiry by 1 July 2016.
2. An application was made by Child Redress International (CRI) for core participant status in the Accountability and Reparations investigation on 14 January 2018. While this application was made outside the window for core participant applications, the application provided reasons for this and I was satisfied that I should proceed to consider the application despite its being submitted late.
3. On 24 January 2018 I made a provisional ruling declining the application. CRI were provided with an opportunity to provide further submissions in support of their application and did so on 26 February 2018.
4. Applications for core participant status are considered under Rule 5 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 which provides:

(1) The chairman may designate a person as a core participant at any time during the course of the inquiry, provided that person consents to being so designated.

(2) In deciding whether to designate a person as a core participant, the chairman must in particular consider whether –

a. The person played, or may have played, a direct and significant role in relation to the matters to which the inquiry relates;

b. The person has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates; or

c. The person may be subject to explicit or significant criticism during the inquiry proceedings or in the report, or in any interim report.

(3) A person ceases to be a core participant on –

- a. the date specified by the chairman in writing; or*
- b. the end of the inquiry.*

5. In determining each person's application, the matters listed in Rule 5(2) must be considered, but the list is not exhaustive and I may also take into account other relevant matters.
6. CRI states in its application that it is 'an expert not for profit organisation that aims to provide access to remedies, including compensation, for victims of transnational crimes.' The focus of its work is on children who are victims and survivors of sexual exploitation in South-East Asia. CRI does not have any connection with the five case studies that are presently being considered by the Accountability and Reparations investigation. Instead it seeks designation as a core participant in that investigation essentially on the basis that overseas victims and survivors of sexual abuse by individuals from England and Wales have an interest in seeking justice, including civil and criminal compensation, and support in England and Wales.
7. The Accountability and Reparations investigation is presently focused on the five case studies, in respect of which public hearings will take place later this year. CRI has not played a direct and significant role in relation to the matters under investigation in those case studies, in particular the experiences of victims and survivors at the institutions under scrutiny. Nor does it have a significant interest in those matters.
8. Accordingly, having regard to the provisions of Rule 5(2), I decline the application to designate CRI as a core participant in this investigation. I will, however, keep the scope of the investigation and the designation of core participants under review and further invitations to apply for core participant status may be made as the investigation proceeds. Therefore, depending on how the investigation progresses, it may also be possible for organisations such as CRI, who do not fall within the present case studies to still assist the Inquiry either as witnesses or as designated core participants in other aspects of the Accountability and Reparations investigation.

Professor Alexis Jay OBE

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Chair, Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse