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Statement made on behalf of: The Director General of the National Crime Agency

Witness: Robert Jones

Date statement made: 3 October 2018

IN THE MATTER OF: INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE –
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN OUTSIDE THE UK INVESTIGATION.

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1. I am currently the temporary Director for the Vulnerabilities Command of the National Crime Agency, which includes the Child Exploitation and Online Protection centre (CEOP). I have 30 years' experience in a variety of criminal investigation and intelligence collection roles tackling serious organised crime. I joined the NCA in 2013 as the Head of Operations for Border Investigations in the NCA Border Policing Command. In December 2017 I became Deputy Director of CEOP, before taking up the role of temporary Director Vulnerabilities in September 2018. I herewith provide a supplementary statement, in response to the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) Protection of Children Outside the UK Investigation Rule 9 request to the National Crime Agency (NCA), dated 25 April 2018.

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2. In Paragraph 47 of my previous statement, I referred to the number of notifications of transnational child sex offenders travelling into the UK, and the number of subjects whose entry was refused. Recent assurance of this data has identified some duplicate notifications from international partners, and additional refusals of entry. The updated position is that during 2017, 160 unique notifications were received by UKICB from international partners and cascaded to UK partners. As a result of the sharing of the information, 66 referrals were actionable by Border Force and the subjects were either refused leave to enter the UK (where Non EU/EEA nationals) or refused admission into the UK (where EU/EEA nationals), where this was deemed proportionate and legal.
3. In paragraph 94 of my previous statement, I explained that Keith Morris had been found guilty of sexual offences on 22 May 2018. On 18 July 2018, he was sentenced to 18 years and six months imprisonment, 17 years for ten sexual offences, and 18 months consecutively for two counts of attempting to pervert the course of justice, having attempted to transfer money to people he knew in Kenya to convince them to help clear his name, and also having contacted the victims to ask them to drop the claims against him. Keith Morris was also made subject of an indefinite Sexual Harm Prevention Order, which includes conditions that he must notify the NCA of any travel 14 days prior, providing the itinerary and booking details.
4. In paragraph 104 of my previous statement, I referred to Operation HIDELAND and Operation KAMAS where the offending giving rise to the order took place abroad. I also referenced Operation KAPEIKA, where the offender who was subject of the order had not travelled abroad to offend, but had paid for the live streaming of abuse,

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which took place in the Philippines. I provide further information regarding these cases as follows:

- a. In Operation HIDE LAND, an individual, who had secretly filmed naked children on the beach in Spain, was arrested by NCA officers and was found with 140,000 indecent images of children on his devices, which he referred to as 'the collection'. On 9 June 2017, he was sentenced to four years imprisonment. The terms of his SHPO, issued until further notice, include the requirement to give 24 hours' notice to the police prior to leaving England or Wales;
- b. In Operation KAMAS, an individual was arrested by NCA officers on suspicion of paying nearly £15,000 for the live-streaming of child abuse from the Philippines. He had previously travelled to the Philippines, and officers were also able to evidence that he had committed abuse himself during one of his visits. In January 2016, he was sentenced to 19 years and 6 months imprisonment. The terms of his SHPO prohibit him from travelling to the Philippines for a period of 5 years from the date of his release, and also to surrender to the police his passport and all other documents permitting foreign travel for the same duration;
- c. In Operation KAPEIKA, an individual was arrested by NCA officers in January 2015 on suspicion of viewing the live streaming of child sex abuse from the Philippines. Around 12,000 indecent images of children were identified on his devices, many of which were screengrabs taken from live webcam streams. In September 2016, he was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment, with a further two-and-a-half years supervision order. While he had not travelled abroad to offend, the terms of his lifetime SHPO include a prohibition from travelling to the Philippines.

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