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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: ISSA AMRO.

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of Issa Amro.

I understand your concerns over the treatment of Mr Amro. I understand that the charges brought against Mr Amro, cumulatively, could lead to imprisonment for up to three years.

Mr Amro has a long history working in the human rights arena. In 2010, he was named Human Rights Defender of the Year for Palestine by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, and in 2013, he was recognised as a human rights defender by the EU.

While, of course, it is not for the UK Government to intervene in the justice system of another sovereign state, I know that the UK Government is firmly committed to the promotion and protection of human rights in Israel and in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, as well as compliance with international humanitarian law.

The UK Government regularly discusses those obligations with the Israeli authorities, and I can assure you that the UK Government is following this case closely, including sending representatives from the UK Embassy to the trial.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

with best wishes,

Tom

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