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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: ISTANBUL CONVENTION

Thank you for contacting me about the Istanbul Convention.

This Government remains committed to tackling violence against women and girls, and to ratifying the Istanbul Convention. As you will be aware, the previous Government signed the Convention in June 2012, and in most respects, the measures already in place in the UK to protect women and girls from violence comply with or go further than the Convention requires.

It is the case that further amendments to domestic law, to take extra-territorial jurisdiction over a range of offences, are necessary before the Convention can be ratified. I have been assured that the Government will seek to legislate when the approach to implementing the extra-territorial jurisdiction requirements in England and Wales is agreed and Parliamentary time allows.

I was among the group of Conservative MPs who were in Parliament last Friday to support a Private Members Bill advanced by an SNP colleague in support of these goals. I am pleased to say that it passed this stage by a significant majority.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.