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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 30 October 2025, regarding the Metropolitan Police Service's (MPS) position on the display and dissemination of material supporting proscribed organisations from private premises.

We acknowledge the importance of clarity and consistency in the application of legislation, particularly where it intersects with fundamental rights such as freedom of expression and the right to protest. The issues you raise are complex and touch upon sensitive areas of counter-terrorism law, public order policing, and human rights obligations.

A. Scope of Display

The MPS position, as previously communicated in response to specific enquiries, is that the display of material from within private premises, even if visible to the public, does not automatically constitute an offence (e.g. under section 13(1) of the Terrorism Act 2000), provided the material does not meet the statutory threshold of inviting support for a proscribed organisation in a public place (an offence under section 12(1) of the 2000 Act).

This interpretation is based on legal advice and current case law. However, it is important to note that each case is assessed on its own facts, including the nature of the material, its context, and any associated conduct. The visibility of material from private premises does not, in itself, trigger an offence under section 13(1), but this does not preclude enforcement action where other elements of an offence are present.

This position applies to all proscribed organisations listed under Schedule 2 of the Terrorism Act 2000. It does not constitute blanket immunity from investigation or enforcement, and the MPS retains discretion to act where there is evidence of criminality.

B. Consistency and Public Interest

The MPS is committed to acting consistently and proportionately in accordance with the law. The interpretation outlined above does not imply that multiple displays are inherently lawful or immune from scrutiny. Where material is displayed in a manner that may invite support for a proscribed organisation or breach other legislation (e.g. public order offences), enforcement may be considered.

Arrest or seizure powers are exercised based on reasonable suspicion and legal thresholds. The MPS does not consider its interpretation of section 13(1) to preclude lawful enforcement action where appropriate.

C. Dissemination of Material

The online dissemination or distribution of material intended for display from private premises is not, in itself, unlawful, however, such conduct may give rise to grounds to suspect offences such as those set out in sections 12(1) (inviting support) and 13(1A) (publishing images) of the Terrorism Act 2000, or other relevant provisions.

Again, context is critical. The MPS assesses dissemination activities on a case-by-case basis, considering intent, content, and impact. The absence of enforcement in specific instances does not constitute a general endorsement or legal precedent.

D. Equality and Non-Discrimination

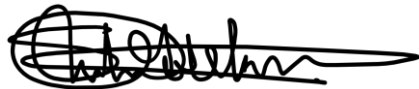
The MPS is bound by the Equality Act 2010, the Human Rights Act 1998, and the European Convention on Human Rights, and is committed to upholding these obligations. We strive to ensure that our actions are fair, impartial, and non-discriminatory, regardless of political viewpoint or organisational affiliation.

We recognise the importance of transparency and will continue to engage with stakeholders to clarify our position where appropriate. We regret any perception of unequal treatment and assure you that all correspondence is considered seriously and in good faith.

Conclusion

The MPS appreciates the concerns raised and confirms that our interpretation of relevant legislation remains under regular review in consultation with legal advisors and national policing partners. We remain committed to balancing public safety, legal compliance, and the protection of fundamental rights.

Yours sincerely,

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