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1. On 26 January 2016 I designated as core participants 'Monica', 'Lindsey' and Dave Nellist. Applications have been received from the solicitors appointed to act for them for designation as recognised legal representatives in the Inquiry. Further applications for designation have been received from Alex Hodson, the Home Office, and London Animal Action.
2. This ruling should be read together with paragraphs 1 – 12 of the first Recognised Legal Representative Ruling dated 9 November 2015 because they describe the background to the applications and the principles that I have applied to them.
3. I have designated 'Monica' a core participant in **Category [H] Individuals in relationships with undercover officers**. Monica applies for Harriet Wistrich of Birnberg Peirce and Partners to be designated her recognised legal representative under rules 6 and 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006. Monica relies on facts and has an interest that is common to several other core participants represented by Ms Wistrich in the Inquiry. It is fair and proper for Monica to be jointly represented with them and I shall make the designation requested.
4. I have also designated 'Lindsey' a core participant in Category [H]. Core participants in this category are represented either by Harriet Wistrich or by Jules Carey of Bindmans, for reasons given at paragraph 20 of the first Recognised Legal Representative Ruling. Lindsey requests that Jules Carey is designated her recognised legal representative. She relies on facts and has an interest that is common to several other of Jules Carey's clients in this category and I shall make the designation requested.
5. I have designated Dave Nellist a core participant in **Category [D] Political organisations and politicians**. He applies for the designation of Paul Heron of Public Interest Lawyers as his recognised legal representative. Other core participants in Category [D] are represented by Jane Deighton and Tamsin Allen. I am therefore required to consider under rule 7 of the Inquiry Rules 2006 whether Mr Nellist relies on facts similar to those relied on by other core participants and shares with them a common interest in the outcome of the Inquiry. If so, I have to consider whether it is fair and proper for Mr Nellist to be jointly represented with one or more of them.

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6. Paul Heron has a long standing relationship of trust with Mr Nellist through Mr Heron's association with the Socialist Party. While Mr Nellist relies on similar facts and shares an interest common with other core participants in Category [D], having regard to the pre-existing relationship between Mr Heron and Mr Nellist I do not consider that it would be fit and proper to require Mr Nellist to be jointly represented with another at the Inquiry. Maya Lal of Public Interest Lawyers is already the recognised legal representative of Youth Against Racism, Hannah Sell and Lois Austin. I am informed that an application will shortly be made for Maya Lal's replacement as recognised legal representative by Mr Heron following the latter's return from sabbatical leave. I shall designate Mr Heron of Public Interest Lawyers the recognised legal representative of Dave Nellist.
7. Alex Hodson was designated a core participant in **Category [L] Social and environmental activists** on 21 October 2015 by virtue of his membership of the group Reclaim the Streets (see paragraphs 115 and 122 of the first Core Participants Ruling). On 18 December 2015 by email Mike Schwarz of Bindmans made a late application on Mr Hodson's behalf for Mr Schwarz's designation as his recognised legal representative. Mr Schwarz is already recognised legal representative for other members of the same group (see paragraphs 29 and 30 of the first Recognised Legal Representative Ruling). I shall therefore designate Mike Schwarz of Bindmans as Alex Hodson's recognised legal representative at the Inquiry.
8. London Animal Action and members of that group were also designated core participants in **Category [L]** on 21 October 2015 (see paragraphs 115 and 126 of the first Core Participants Ruling). Paul Gravett was the only member of London Animal Action to seek legal representation. However, on 17 January 2016 by email Mr Schwarz made a late application on behalf of London Animal Action for his designation as its recognised legal representative. Mr Schwarz represents several other core participants in this category. I shall therefore designate Mike Schwarz of Bindmans as recognised legal representative of London Animal Action at the Inquiry.
9. On 12 January 2016 the Inquiry received an email communication from the Government Legal Department on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department requesting that within the Government Legal Department Raveen Patel should replace Andrew King as the recognised legal representative of the Secretary of State. This is an administrative change that I shall approve.

27 January 2016

Sir Christopher Pitchford
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry