

## In the matter of Section 19(3) of the Inquiries Act 2005

### Application for a restriction order by 'MCD'

#### Ruling

#### 'MCD'

1. On 14 February 2019 MCD was designated as a core participant because she had potentially valuable evidence to give about the deployment of HN18. She now applies for a restriction order in respect of her real name on the grounds set out in her open and closed application dated 7 March 2019. In summary they are that publication of her real name would, by reason of her association with the International Solidarity Movement, interfere with her ability to travel to Israel and to resume personal contact with long-standing friends there and in the "occupied territories" and to further charitable aims there. I accept that what she says about her personal history and situation is true and that publication of her real name would have the adverse consequences which she anticipates. This would, if it occurred, amount to real harm to her.
2. Publication of her real name is not necessary to permit the inquiry to fulfil its terms of reference. Accordingly, in fairness to her, the Inquiry should not publish it. If it were necessary to decide the issue under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights, I would be satisfied that the interference which publication would cause to her right to respect for private life would not be justified under Article 8(2). Accordingly, the restriction order will be made.

21 March 2019

Sir John Mitting  
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry