

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

### Application for a restriction order by “Maya”

#### Ruling

#### “Maya”

1. On 7 May 2019, I designated “Maya” as a core participant on the basis of her claimed relationship with HN18. She now applies for a restriction order in respect of her real name. I accede to her application.
2. If what she says is true – and I do not yet know whether her core claim is admitted or disputed by HN18 – her right to respect for her private life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights will already have been seriously interfered with by him. Evidence about his deployment is bound to be the subject of significant media interest, which she is likely to find intrusive and distressing. The evidence which she can give is likely to be of significant interest to the Inquiry. It is important that she can give it without further intrusion into her right to respect for private life. The only method of protecting her from such intrusion is the making of the restriction order which she seeks.

11 June 2019

Sir John Mitting  
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry