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1. By letter dated 11 March 2021, Lindsey German, Chris Nineham, John Rees and Stop the War Coalition seek an order designating Paul Heron of Public Interest Law Centre as their recognised legal representative and an award of costs under section 40(2) of the Inquiries Act 2005.
2. I accede to both applications. None of them can be expected to participate fully in the Inquiry without the assistance of a suitably qualified and experienced legal representative. Paul Heron, who represents other core participants, is well able to fulfil that role.
3. I have been provided with information about the income of all four applicants, which I accept. In no case would it be reasonable to expect them to bear the cost of employing a legal representative to permit them to participate effectively in the Inquiry.
4. The basis on which costs claimed for work done by Paul Heron and disbursements incurred by him will be paid by the Inquiry will be the same as that which applies in the case of other core participants for whom he is the recognised legal representative.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, without express prior approval, the Inquiry will not meet the cost of dealing with any issue relating to the Stop the War Coalition which occurred after the end of 2004.

12 March 2020

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry