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Campaign Against the Arms Trade Ruling

1. By a letter dated 26 January 2024 Emily Apple applies, as media coordinator for the Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT), for it to be designated as a core participant. The basis of her application is that CAAT was the subject of reporting by a number of undercover officers and, therefore, has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the Inquiry relates under rule 5(2)(b) of the Inquiry Rules 2006. An application made, on the basis of different assertions of fact, in October 2015 was rejected by Sir Christopher Pitchford, but was to be kept under review.
2. Documents retrieved by the Inquiry demonstrate that CAAT was the subject of reporting by a number of undercover officers. One has commented specifically on it: HN3 has stated that he did not infiltrate the group and reported on it because of information provided to him by Emily Apple and another individual then associated with the group. Nothing that I have so far read suggests that CAAT was infiltrated by any other undercover officer. Much of the reporting concerns its participation or non-participation in activities conducted by other groups. I have no reason to believe that it has a significant interest in an important aspect of the matters to which the inquiry relates.
3. The reporting has not been collated and put through a process which would permit its early disclosure. The Inquiry has reached a critical stage in its preparations for hearings in Tranches Two to Five and does not have the spare capacity to devote to a marginal task, which this would be.
4. For those reasons, this application is rejected.

22 February 2024

Sir John Mitting
Chairman, Undercover Policing Inquiry