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cc. Henry Bellingham MP, Minister with responsibility for the UN

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Dear Jeremy,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chair of the United Nations Association of the UK (UNA-UK), with our recommendations for the 2011 review of the UN's Human Rights Council.

UNA-UK attaches the greatest importance to the need for the UN to work more effectively in the field of human rights where the performance of far too many member states remains lamentable. We supported the establishment of the Human Rights Council in 2006, but, like many others, we have been disappointed in its record so far. For that reason we hope that the government will give a high priority in the 2011 review to bringing about practical improvements and to avoiding any back-sliding.

I hope you will find these recommendations of use as you shape up the government's input to the 2011 review; and that you will keep in touch with UNA-UK as the negotiations in the General Assembly proceed.

Lord Hannay of Chiswick
Chair, UNA-UK