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Dear Mr McMillan-Scott,

We are writing to congratulate you on your direct intervention on the situation of Rohingya Muslims in Burma in the form of the urgent resolution passed by the European Parliament last month.

It is commendable indeed that in response to the Channel 4 documentary, 'The plight of Burma's Rohingya Muslims in a Thai camp', you have used your position as Vice President of the European Parliament to chastise the Government of Thailand for its "inhumane detention of at least 1700 Rohingya asylum seekers" and call upon the Thai authorities to "provide them with access to UN refugee agencies" and "to permit the UNHCR to conduct refugee status determination screenings of Rohingya asylum seekers".

We too have raised our concerns on the human rights violations against Rohingya Muslims with the Foreign Secretary. A copy of our letter is enclosed.

It is important that the Thai and Burmese authorities be reminded of their obligations to minority communities and refugees under international law.

It is gratifying to see our European Parliament Members play a role in urging compliance and ensuring that the plight and suffering of Rohingya Muslims is not forgotten.

Yours sincerely,

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