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From the Private Secretary

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BROADCASTING STANDARDS COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 8 August.

The Prime Minister has noted the Home Secretary's further comments on her proposal that the BBC and ITC should be required to accept the BSC code. But she still feels that a stronger formulation is required than the Home Secretary's revised suggestion that the broadcasting regulators are required to have "particular regard" to the BSC's code. She would be grateful if consideration could be given to alternatives; one possibility that occurs to her is that the regulators must "take action to implement" the code.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to members of MISC 128 and to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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(PAUL GRAY)

Miss Catherine Bannister, Home Office.

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