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Att: The Honourable Ralph Goodale  
Minister of Public Safety  
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**Subject:** Clarifications on your Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Mr. Minister

Pursuant to your Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 signed under section 5 of the *RCMP Act*, which just came to my attention, you maintain that the Government of Canada is committed to protect our rights and freedoms. Accordingly, the purpose of this Direction is to clearly state Canadian values and principles against torture, mistreatments as well as its commitment to the rule of law.

Though this may sound great and leave a good impression to readers, it remains much in contradiction with what occurred in real life, Mr. Minister. Foremost, when the integrity of the RCMP and the Attorney General is at stake.

In light of your Ministerial Direction, you make it clear that RCMP members are not allowed taking part, directly or indirectly, to any action that could subject a Canadian citizen to ill-treatments and torture. As such, at least in its essence, it is constant with some of the provisions found in CAT, to which Canada has been signatory since December 10<sup>th</sup> 1987. Unfortunately, the RCMP were, nevertheless, allowed conducting operations afterward that were in violation of the CAT agreement.

This being said, and without entering into the details of all the human right agreements to which Canada is signatory, the main point is that Canada is against torture and cruel and unusual punishments, including capital punishment. It stands, therefore, and please correct me if I am wrong, that Canadian agents cannot knowingly partake to any act that could make them and Canada accomplices to acts declared illegal under your Ministerial Direction and/or the law.

In fact and as further stated, I quote: *The Government of Canada, therefore, has no interest in actions associated with the use of torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment. Knowingly associating the Government of Canada with any of these actions would damage the credibility and effectiveness of any department or agency associated with them.*

Perhaps, you will be able telling me, Mr. Minister, how then were RCMP members allowed to create and finance an operation in Thailand with Canadian taxpayers' money with the

**avowed purpose** of having me subjected to the death sentence? Since this comment was made under oath by RCMP Deputy-Commissioner Frank Palmer, who claimed to speak on behalf of the Canadian Government, isn't it a bit at odd with the content of your Ministerial Direction? I'm only asking and would like you making sense to this.

Since the RCMP avowed under oath that they knew I would be subjected to capital punishment in Thailand and did not care if I was, as a result of their actions, you will understand my scepticism and the reason leading me to doubt the true value of your Ministerial Direction. Perhaps, you will be able reassuring me.

Since you cared signing such Ministerial Direction, thereof, I would like you answering the following questions:

1. In your position as Public Safety Minister would you have the amiability to tell me if your Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 will have to be respected more than the CAT agreement has been since Canada became signatory of it?
2. In your position as Public Safety Minister, could you tell me with certainty that members of the RCMP are not allowed to conduct anti-drug operation abroad meant to subject a Canadian citizen to torture and capital punishment without Ministerial direction and consent?
3. In your position as Public Safety Minister, and under your Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017, could you indicate me clearly, if RCMP members are, yes or not, allowed to testify during the trial of a Canadian held before the Court of a third world country known for his human right violations and which imposed the death penalty for a crime created and financed by the RCMP with public funds?
4. In your position as Public Safety Minister could you tell me if this Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 is, in some ways, replacing what used to be the Solicitor General's Ministerial Directive on RCMP operation abroad or is the Solicitor General's Directive on RCMP operation abroad still exist?
5. In your position as Public Safety Minister, are you able to confirm if your Ministerial Direction may be now considered a legal binding document before the Court or is it like the old Solicitor General Directive on RCMP operation abroad, to which the Court did not recognize any authority?
6. In your position as Public Safety Minister, could you say what legal weight, if any, carries your Ministerial Direction before the Court?
7. In your position as Public Safety Minister could you confirm that your Ministerial Direction of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 has authority over the Canada's Drug Strategy Program, when it comes to the RCMP conducting criminal operations in a foreign States involving Canadian citizens and if it remains at all time of your domain, as



the Minister, to have the last say on what the RCMP may do or not, while conducting criminal operations overseas?

With regard to this last question, there seems to be grey zones and things with Canada's Drug Strategy Program going against the spirit of your Ministerial Direction. Whereby, it appears to say the RCMP may operate anywhere and without Ministerial consent. As a Canadian taxpayer, I would very much appreciate you to bring me some clarity on the aforementioned issues.

Considering the story of my treatment at the hands of the RCMP, I understand these questions may not be easy to answer for numbers of reasons. However, remains these questions should be simple to answer, if your Ministerial Direction stands for what it is meant to be in the eyes of the public.

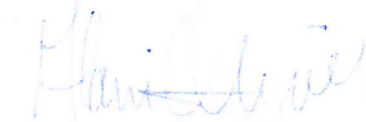
Your Ministerial Direction also prohibits the disclosure of information that would result in a substantial risk of torture or other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment of an individual by a foreign entity.

- Could you confirm me, if this includes RCMP members being also forbidden giving statement under oath, whatever it being false statements or not, to insure the conviction of a Canadian before the Court of a foreign country known for its human right abuses and which imposed the death penalty for the offence at trial?

Since the RCMP must avoid knowingly contributing to mistreatment by foreign entities, perhaps, you could tell me how they were allowed doing so in my case and the Court here not seeing anything wrong with it. If on one hand you say the RCMP can't do that, and on the other, the Court over here says otherwise, you will understand the importance of having both parties in accord. If it is meant to have any kind of weight, surely Canadians expect it to be so before the Court, as well and not simply for the RCMP. If this could be stated clearly, it would surely avoid confusion among Canadians.

In light of this, I am surely looking forward for your answers, Mr. Minister. Thank you for your time and interest in the truth and justice.

Respectfully, yours



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