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Dear Madam,

ICC Reference OTP-CR-178/11: Crimes against humanity and genocide by the Government of New Zealand towards people with Down syndrome

Thank you for your letter dated 26th June 2012. We are greatly encouraged that the New Zealand situation is now being analysed by the Office of the Prosecutor. In this regard, we would like to request a meeting please with the Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, to discuss directly and personally our communications. Our preference would be for such a meeting to be held in New Zealand if possible.

We are now receiving many details regarding the negative impact of the antenatal screening programme on the survivors, their families and the whole group nationally. We will be providing further material regarding the impact of the prevention of births being committed against our group. This will include the long term social damage as well as the immediate consequences such as the increased vulnerability of the surviving group. We intend to provide specific personal testimonials outlining the impact of the decimation of births to our group, its contribution to insecurity and the further entrenchment of attitudes of discrimination towards the survivors of the programme.

In the meantime we are arranging for various NGOs, institutions, academics etc to make submissions to the ICC in support of our communications.

We expect to provide the additional information outlined above within the next three months.

Yours Sincerely,



Mike Sullivan
Group spokesman for submitters