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Mr. James Austin-Smith Chairman **Human Rights Commission** 1st Floor, Cayman Corporate Centre Grand Cayman

COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

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Dear Sir,

Re: Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture ("OPCAT")

Yours of February 10, 2015, re the above refers.

Sorry for the delay in responding which is due to us trying to ascertain the status of this matter.

We have been advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs that they intend to engage in discussions with the Hon. Premier regarding the Government's views on undertaking the initiatives necessary to request extension of the OPCAT and subsequently ensure compliance with the Protocol

We are further advised that, should the Government decide to request extension, the Ministry will lead the process and that as such the Ministry remains available to discuss the matter further with the HRC if the need arises.

Samuel Bulgin OC, JP

Hon. Attorney General