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Ms. Anne Lambert, Inquiry Chair  
Fox/Sky Merger  
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Victoria House  
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Re: **Response to Notice of Proposed Remedies in Sky/Fox Merger**

Dear Ms. Lambert,

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) in the UK and Ireland.

The union welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Competition and Market Authority (CMA)'s Notice of Possible Remedies in the Sky/Fox merger.

We support the CMA's initial findings that preventing the Murdoch Sky bid represents "a comprehensive solution to all aspects of the provisional adverse public interest finding and that it poses relatively few risks, compared to other options, in terms of implementation or effectiveness."

The NUJ strongly believes this is the best option available, based on our experience and serious concerns regarding media plurality, the treatment of journalists, corporate governance and ethics at Murdoch owned companies.

We also wish to highlight that the Murdoch family have a substantial track record of not adhering to promises they have made in the past, in the form of undertakings, in the UK, US, and Australia in regard to media ownership and editorial independence.

We would therefore argue that behavioural remedies would not mitigate the risks that the CMA and Ofcom have previously identified in terms of public interest and increased influence over the UK news agenda and politics, if the deal was allowed to go ahead.

Best wishes,

Michelle Stanistreet  
NUJ General Secretary