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Dear Ian,

Times Undertakings – final revised documents

I write further to our meeting on 5 June 2019, regarding the undertakings offered by News Corp UK & Ireland Ltd (**News UK**) to the Secretary of State in place of the conditions put in place in January 1981 by the then Secretary of State for Trade (the **Undertakings**).

As agreed at our meeting, attached to this letter are final revised versions of the Undertakings (<u>Appendix 1</u>), TNHL Articles (<u>Appendix 2</u>) and TNL Articles (<u>Appendix 3</u>). As requested, also attached is a table describing the changes that have been made to these documents subsequent to the submission of News UK's application on 10 January 2019, to address points raised in the Secretary of State's minded to decision, dated 10 April 2019, and in discussions with DCMS and the CMA (**Appendix 4**).

The Undertakings and TNHL Articles include the following minor changes from the versions that were submitted to DCMS on 3 June 2019:

- 1. The period of office of each IND is limited to a maximum of nine years (Section 3, Article 87(c)).
- 2. There is now an explicit reference to the Editors having responsibility for raising issues relevant to compliance with the Undertakings (including whether the titles continue to be published as separate newspapers) with the INDs (Article 86(b)).
- 3. Deletion of the requested wording at section 5 of the Undertakings regarding provisions of information to the Secretary of State and CMA.

For ease of reference, clean versions of these documents and redline versions (as against the draft Undertakings submitted on 10 January and the original TNHL/TNL Articles) are attached.

We trust that you now have everything that you need to commence the consultation, however, please let us know if otherwise.

Yours sincerely,



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