**Decision of the Committee of Minister's Human Rights September 2017**

***McKerr group v. the United Kingdom* (Application No. 28883/95)**

The Deputies

*Concerning the individual measures*

1. recalled that the completion of the outstanding investigations in the group is linked to the progress made under the general measures and reiterated the urgent need to take those measures without further delay; recalled also the Committee's decision of December 2015 in relation to the *Finucane* case to resume consideration of the reopening of individual measures once the domestic litigation has concluded;

*Concerning the general measures*

2. recalled the decision adopted at the 1273rd meeting (December 2016) (DH);

3. noted with deep concern that the Historical Investigations Unit (HIU) and other legacy institutions agreed upon in December 2014 have still not been established because of a failure to reach agreement on the legislation required;

4. considered it imperative that a way forward is found to enable effective investigations to be conducted particularly in light of the length of time that has already passed since these judgments became final, and the failure of previous initiatives to achieve effective, expeditious investigations; called upon the authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that the planned public consultation phase regarding the HIU is launched and concluded within a clear timescale to ensure that, the legislation can be presented to Parliament and the HIU established and made operational without any further delay,

5. deeply regretted that the necessary resources have not been provided to allow effective legacy inquests to be concluded within a reasonable time; strongly urged the authorities to take, as a matter of urgency, all necessary measures to ensure both that the legacy inquest system is properly resourced and reformed in accordance with the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland's proposals and that the Coroners' Service receives the full co-operation of the relevant statutory agencies to enable effective investigations to be concluded;

6. decided to review the progress made in these cases at their DH meeting in June 2018, at the latest.