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Case ref: CAS-29462-F1Q6L4

Dear Professors Martin Maiden and Sophie Marnette,

Complaint regarding UNWomen Oxford UK Society

Thank you for your letter of 19th March 2020.

I am pleased to learn that you have investigated my complaint about the UNWomen Oxford UK Society's no-platforming of Ms Amber Rudd on March 5th and concluded that the Society should be de-registered with the Proctors and you have directed the Society to issue an apology to Ms Rudd.

While I understand your decision not to take any action against the individual officers of the Society, I am concerned that your leniency will be interpreted by them, as well as the officers of some other Oxford societies, that they can disregard the University procedures, codes of practice and policies with regard to freedom of expression without risking any individual sanctions.

Can you assure me that if the officers of the United Women Oxford Student Society, which is how the UNWomen Oxford UK Society now styles itself, continue to break the University rules you will consider individual sanctions?

Yours sincerely,

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