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Ms Kerry Moscogiuri
Chief Executive
Amnesty International UK

Ms Helen Horton
Chair, Amnesty International UK Section Board

Mr Sandy Ruthven MBE
Chair, Amnesty International UK Charitable Trust

Dear Ms Moscogiuri, Ms Horton and Mr Ruthven,

We write on behalf of Genspect concerning Amnesty International UK's publications *A Growing Threat: The Anti-Rights Movement in the UK* and *Like a Snowball: The Growth and Impact of the Gender Critical Movement in the UK*.

This letter constitutes formal notice of Genspect's claim arising from defamatory statements published by Amnesty International UK.

The publications identify Genspect as part of an "anti-rights" movement and associate our organisation and our work with so-called "conversion practices". Those allegations are false.

They are also exceptionally serious. In the current legal and political climate, including the potential introduction of legislation prohibiting certain conversion practices in the United Kingdom, the publications are capable of conveying that Genspect engages in conduct that could be considered unlawful or akin to unlawful practice. That implication is false.

The publications have caused, and continue to cause, serious harm to Genspect's reputation. They also damage the professional reputations of the clinicians, researchers and healthcare professionals associated with our organisation and undermine public confidence in the ethical and lawful nature of our work.

Genspect is an international non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting individuals experiencing gender distress, their families, clinicians and detransitioners. We provide educational resources, professional training, clinical support and peer support internationally. Our work is founded upon evidence-based, ethical, exploratory and conventional practice that enables individuals to understand their experiences and make informed decisions without coercion or predetermined outcomes.

Genspect does not advocate attempts to change an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity or beliefs. Nor does it advocate coercive or predetermined therapeutic outcomes. The

repeated suggestion that Genspect promotes or engages in “conversion practices” is therefore entirely without foundation.

The publications have already been cited, reproduced and relied upon by third parties. As a consequence, the reputational damage extends beyond Amnesty’s own publications and continues to be amplified.

The publications are also liable to deter vulnerable individuals from seeking legitimate psychological support by falsely portraying exploratory psychotherapy as abusive, unethical or equivalent to conversion practices.

Before publishing these allegations, Amnesty International UK did not contact Genspect.

We were given no opportunity to explain our work, our ethical framework, our published materials or our clinical approach. Nor were we afforded any opportunity to respond to allegations of such seriousness before publication.

Given the gravity of the allegations, that omission is difficult to reconcile with the standards of fairness, accuracy and responsible investigation expected of an organisation whose reputation rests upon reporting alleged human rights abuses.

The reports also appear to proceed from the premise that exploratory psychological care constitutes “conversion therapy”.

That proposition is unsupported.

Psychotherapy is an established and ethically recognised form of psychological practice. Its purpose is to assist individuals in understanding the origins and meaning of their distress and to enable them to reach their own informed decisions. It is distinguished from coercive practices precisely because it does not seek to impose any predetermined outcome.

By conflating conventional psychotherapy with coercive conversion practices, Amnesty has materially misrepresented both accepted psychotherapeutic practice and the nature of Genspect’s work.

Accordingly, Genspect requires that Amnesty International UK:

1. Withdraw the allegations concerning Genspect contained within the above publications.
2. Publish a correction acknowledging that Genspect does not advocate, provide or promote coercive conversion practices.
3. Remove or amend any statements that identify Genspect as part of an “anti-rights” movement unless Amnesty can identify a proper evidential basis capable of supporting that allegation.
4. Provide the evidential basis upon which Amnesty concluded that Genspect:
    - promotes or engages in “conversion practices”;
    - forms part of an “anti-rights” movement; and
    - should properly be included within these publications.

5. Confirm what enquiries Amnesty undertook before publication, including whether it reviewed Genspect's published materials or sought comment from Genspect or any clinician, researcher or participant associated with our organisation.
6. Confirm what steps Amnesty intends to take to prevent similar failures of fairness and accuracy in future publications.

Given the seriousness of these matters, we require your substantive response within **14 days** of the date of this letter.

In the meantime, please preserve all documents relevant to the preparation of these publications, including drafts, internal correspondence, emails, research materials, interview notes, briefing papers and all communications referring to Genspect. These documents may be required should legal proceedings prove necessary.

Should Amnesty fail to provide a satisfactory response within that period, Genspect reserves all of its legal rights, including the right to commence proceedings without further notice.

Nothing in this correspondence should be taken as a waiver of any rights or remedies available to Genspect, all of which are expressly reserved.

We look forward to your substantive response.

Yours faithfully,

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