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NSW Police Force

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Mr Enzo Camporeale
Director, Legal
Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes
121 Macquarie St
SYDNEY NSW 2000

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Camporeale

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (Inquiry) – Ernest Head: Interpol Request

We refer to:

- your letter dated 15 August 2023, concerning the matter of Ernest Head and the Inquiry's request for assistance from the NSWPF to obtain any record of death of Engin Simsek held by the authorities in Türkiye; and
- my letter to the Inquiry dated 22 August 2023 confirming the NSWPF had lodged a request with Interpol for any record of death for Mr Simsek held by any relevant authority in Türkiye.

We are instructed that the Unsolved Homicide Team has received the following update from Interpol in relation to the above request:

In relation to your INTERPOL request involving Engin SIMSEK ([REDACTED] 1943), please be advised Turkish authorities have advised Mr SIMSEK passed away on the 6 May 1999.

Unfortunately Turkish authorities did not provide a death certificate in relation to Mr SIMSEK's death, our bureau has forward (sic) an additional request to hopefully obtain this documentation.

We will update the Inquiry as to any further response received prior to the Inquiry's reporting deadline.

Yours sincerely

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