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Dear Mr. Hughes,

I refer to the Committee's letter of 8 October 2021 in relation to a progress report on the independent review of the Voluntary Mess Committees in the Prisons.

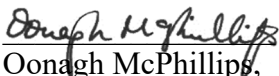
I can confirm that the review of the voluntary mess committees in the Prisons is ongoing and expected to be completed by year end.

The independent reviewer is in direct contact with each of the individual mess committees and I am informed that the documentation provided to the review is being examined. I understand that a number of site visits have also been carried out to date with further visits scheduled for this month and November.

A copy of the review will be provided to the Committee on completion.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

  
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Secretary General