



**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
CORE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION  
MODULE 2A - SCOTTISH WOMEN'S RIGHTS ORGANISATION**

**Introduction**

1. On 26 June 2023, I designated Scottish Women's Aid, Engineer, Close the Gap, Rape Crises Scotland and Just Right Scotland/Scottish Women's Rights Centre, collectively known as the Scottish Women's Right's Organisation ('SWRO') as Core Participants in Module 2A.

**Request to be removed as a Core Participant from Module 2A**

2. Having been so designated, SWRO made an application for funding under section 40 of the Inquiries Act 2005. It renewed that application on 27 October 2023. I declined those requests on grounds that its constituent bodies are substantial organisations to whom I am not permitted to grant such funding. Having been unsuccessful in its funding application, on 7 December 2023, SWRO asked to be removed as a Core Participant and withdrew its consent for Corer Participant designation.

**Decision**

3. By rule 5(1) of the Inquiry Rules 2006, a person may only be designated a Core Participant if they consent. As that consent has been withdrawn, by this determination I remove that designation. Accordingly, by this determination and in accordance with rule 5(3) of 2006 Rules, SWRO ceases to be a Module 2A Core Participant.
4. My decision to remove SWRO from Module 2A does not prevent SWRO making an application for Core Participant status on any future modules nor does it prevent them from making any further applications for funding should they deem it appropriate to do



so. Applications of either kind will be considered on their merits at the time of submission.

**Rt Hon Baroness Heather Hallett DBE**

**Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry**

**18 December 2023**