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Dear Cherif,

Thank you for your letter of 22 April concerning the use potential use of the Commission of Experts Final Report and the Annexes thereto. I'm sorry I did not get back to you earlier but I have been away from the Netherlands over the past weeks. Let me assure you that I do not take your suggestion as being either self-serving or critical of my Office and I accept it in the spirit in which it was offered.

You will, I hope, find it gratifying to learn that my staff do in fact rely on the work of the Commission of Experts to identify sources (expert witnesses etc.) which enable the prosecution to lead, where relevant, direct evidence at trial of the findings of the Commission of Experts. In the absence of any legal basis to tender the findings contained in the Report and the Annexes, there really is no other way for my Office to proceed.

I am looking forward to the occasion when we can meet again.

Warmest regards,

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