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As the recent interview of the British ambassador in Yerevan shows, this country will not shift its stance until it comes under pressure.
What is needed is to disseminate this report and ask the legislature to hold the executive to account. Copies of the opinion are being sent out, but MPs will only sit up and notice if their constituents write to them (and remember there is a general election coming up in the next few months, so they should be more receptive than usual).

Please use this draft as a template, writing it by hand if you can but always adding in some of your words to personalise it. This is suggested as being more effective than if the MPs see this as part of an orchestrated campaign.

If you need a copy of the legal opinion to send on to your MP, request it by emailing legal-initiative@armenian-genocide.info

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Dear Mr....., MP

I'm writing to you as a member of your constituency to draw your attention to the attached report recently launched by Mr G. Robertson QC entitled: "WAS THERE AN ARMENIAN GENOCIDE ?"

You will observe that Mr Robertson's report is based on documents received under The Freedom of Information Act the contents of which amount to a blatant campaign of dis-information by the FCO to Ministers, Parliament and the British public. It's outrageous to find that the British Government has clearly put its business and diplomatic relationship with Turkey above moral values on issues of human rights and genocide recognition and prevention.

You will agree, I hope, that such a stance is a great injustice to members of Parliament, the British public and the Armenian community of UK and elsewhere.

In the light of this report, I kindly ask you to write to the FCO and demand an explanation as to why they have deliberately misled both MPs and the public on the truth surrounding the massacre and deportation of Armenians by the Turkish government in 1915 - an infamous event that led Winston Churchill to affirm that "there is no reasonable doubt that this crime was planned and executed for political reasons".

I look forward to your co-operation and support.
Yours sincerely

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name/address.

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