
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	29 November 2018
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Subject:	Humanity & Inclusion's Stop Bombing Civilians Campaign – Request by Councillor MacLeod		

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise of a request received from Councillor MacLeod for the Council's support for the organisation Humanity & Inclusion's campaign to stop bombs being dropped on civilian populations which would include having a photograph taken beside the organisation's poster, an example of which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 By way of background, Humanity & Inclusion is a UK registered independent charity founded in 1982 working in situations of poverty and exclusion, conflict and disaster alongside disabled and vulnerable people to help meet their basic needs, improve their living conditions and promote respect for their dignity and fundamental rights. The charity comprises eight Trustees: Peter Burdin, Chloe Marshall, Richard Elliot, David Rouane, Joyce McNeil, Benjamin Cohen, Berangere Hassenforder and Nicolas Ponset.
- 1.3 Humanity & Inclusion works within 60 countries worldwide. They have described their vision thus: "Outraged by the injustice faced by people with disabilities and vulnerable populations, we aspire to a world of solidarity and inclusion, enriched by our differences, where everyone can live in dignity.
- 1.4 The Charity is seeking to raise awareness of the issue of civilian bombing by running a petition and seeking support for a campaign in the following terms:

I call on the UK and all States worldwide to:

- Publically commit to end the use of explosive weapons with wide-area effects in populated areas;
- Fully implement the treaties banning landmines and cluster munitions without delay and encourage non-signatory states to sign them; and
- Contribute to assisting the victims, clearing weapons in affected zones, and preventing further injuries and death.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the request by Councillor MacLeod.



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