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By email to

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Dear Professor Anderson

Thank you for your email of 17 March 2012 in which you requested information about Privacy Mechanisms in CPRD. We have now completed searching for the information you requested.

A copy of the information, which can be disclosed, is enclosed.

The remainder of the information that you requested is exempt under section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. I have explained at each stage in the attached document the reasons for the exemption.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Parkinson', with a stylized, flowing script.

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