SCOTTISH CRIMINAL CASES REVIEW COMMISSION

NEWS RELEASE

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission has today (12 February 2007) announced that it is its intention to issue a decision in the case of Abdelbaset Ali Mohmed Al-Megrahi by the end of June 2007.

The applicant was convicted in 2001 of the murder of the 259 passengers and crew on board Pan American World Airways flight PA 103 from London to New York, and 11 residents of Lockerbie on 21 December 1988.

Notes for Editors

The Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission was established as an independent body on 1 April 1999 to review alleged miscarriages of justice in Scottish convictions and/or sentences. Under section 194 A to L of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995 (as inserted by section 25 of the Crime and Punishment (Scotland) Act 1997) the Commission can refer a case to the High Court if it believes that a miscarriage of justice may have occurred and that it is in the interests of justice that a reference should be made. Once a case is referred to the High Court by the Commission, it will proceed as a normal appeal.

The Commission operates with a Board of 7 Members, one of whom is the Chairman, a Chief Executive, a Director of Administration, 2 Senior Legal Officers, 8 Legal Officers and administrative support staff.

As is the normal practice of the Commission, no further comment on this press release will be made. For any general information about the Commission please contact Mr Chris Reddick, Director of Administration, SCCRC, 5th Floor Portland House, 17 Renfield Street, Glasgow, Tel: 0141 270 7030, e-mail: creddick@sccrc.org.uk or visit the Commission's website at www.sccrc.org.uk