Zahra Mohamed's right to a secure life in the UK under HR Article 8 – HO Ref No: M1157645

Zahra Mohamed arrived in the UK on 20th July 2002 as an unaccompanied minor. She was born in Mogadishu, Somalia on 9th October 1985 and in 1992 was witness to her parents' brutal murder.

An aunt took her to live with her in Kenya, first in a refugee camp and when the camp was closed, in Mombasa, where she lived a very isolated life, as she was not allowed to attend regular school.
In 2002 at the age of 15 she was arrested by local Police who demanded residency papers from her, which she did not possess. The two arresting officers tortured her during her two days ordeal and she was only released because her relatives were able to find out where she was held and paid a bribe.
She was in hospital after her release and due to her poor health, arrangements were made by her relatives to bring her to the UK where she has another aunt.

After her arrival in the UK, she made an asylum claim, which was rejected after her uncle disowned her in court. A subsequent appeal was also refused. Her uncle denied her in court because she had refused to enter an arranged marriage.

Until June 2008 she was in Social Services care in the borough of Hillingdon. Once she completed her education, in which she gained AAT accredited qualifications as a bookkeeper as well as a BA Hons degree in Accounting & Finance, she was told her entitlement to Social Services Care had ended. She made a new Asylum Claim under HR Article 8, asking for her right to a secure life here in the UK.

Indeed, she has now become a valued and respected member of her community in Hillingdon and still caries on with her voluntary work in Hayes. She has integrated well into British life and speaks English fluently. She is a positive example and role model to the young people she helps at the Youth Centre in Hillingdon and they admire her resilience and ability to improve her own life.
Since her aunt in Kenya died in 2004 and there are no relatives she can trace in Somalia, her only known relatives are in this country. She is very close to her cousins, who she looks after on a regular basis.

Her positive influence among the young people she has been working with is a great inspiration to many and goes a long way to prove that young refugees and asylum seekers from her community can make a positive contribution to the British community as a whole.

We, the undersigned, call upon the Secretary of State to grant Zahra Mohamed permission to remain in the UK and to grant her refugee status without delay.

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