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**STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**Anglican Covenant**

Dear Dr Kearon,

On behalf of the Honorary Secretaries I would like to inform you that at the meeting of the Standing Committee on 15 September the following resolution was adopted:

That the Standing Committee adopts the Anglican Covenant Working Group's report as a response of the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland to Section 4 of the Ridley Cambridge draft of the Anglican Covenant, and that the response be forwarded to the Anglican Communion Office.

**Report of the Anglican Covenant Working Group**

Having considered Section 4 of the Draft Anglican Covenant very carefully, and bearing in mind a full range of points of view, we believe that the text of Section 4 as it stands commends itself in the current circumstances. The term 'Joint Standing Committee' clearly needs to be updated following its re-styling at ACC-14. We appreciate the work of the former Covenant Design Group, not least in taking into account the Church of Ireland's views, and encourage the Archbishop of Canterbury and his new group under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of Dublin as they seek to conclude the work on the text of the Covenant.

A copy of this letter will be emailed to the address specified in your letter of 3 September 2009.

Yours sincerely,

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