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Dear Baroness Hayter,

Agreement between The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Georgia on the Readmission of Persons Residing without Authorisation

I am writing to advise you that the UK has reached an agreement with Georgia on bilateral readmissions which is due to be signed today (26 January). The readmissions agreement will allow for the return of individuals to Georgia where they are found to be in violation of the immigration laws, policies, and procedures in the UK.

As an EU Member State, the UK was covered by a number of EU Readmissions Agreements (EURAs). EURAs are reciprocal agreements signed between the EU and non-EU States for the readmission or return of persons who do not have the right to be on the territory of those party to the agreement.

At the end of the Transition Period on 31 December 2020, the UK ceased to be covered by these agreements. The UK relied on the EURA as a mechanism for making effective returns to Georgia and we are therefore transitioning the agreement to a bilateral footing.

The bilateral readmissions agreement will allow for the return of citizens, as well as third party nationals who have a verified connection to the returning country, where they are found to be in violation of the immigration laws, policies, and procedures in that country.

The aim of the bilateral readmissions agreement is not to specify who may or may not have a right to remain, but to provide an agreed mechanism for the return of individuals – it outlines the operational process under which returns will be made, not the policy decision of who to apply this to.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Library of both Houses of Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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