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Dame Emily Thornberry MP
Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Dame Emily,

Many thanks for your letter, dated 14th January, inviting TikTok to give evidence to the Committee's inquiry on foreign interference.

TikTok agrees with the Committee that this is an incredibly important topic and goes to the heart of how the UK (and other nations) defend democratic processes and protect against coordinated attempts to undermine public trust. As you will be aware, TikTok already publishes significant data on our work combatting these threats, including in our Quarterly Transparency Reports, which list all [Covert Influence Operations](#) that we have identified and disrupted on our platform.

As discussed with the Committee's Clerk, TikTok is very happy to support the Committee in its work by providing further insights into our policies and processes related to these threats. However, we believe it is important that this is done in a constructive way, that enables us to provide the Committee genuine insight while at the same time protecting the methods and practices we use that, if disclosed, could put our users and the public at risk.

Disclosures of the methods and practices we use to identify, disrupt and remove this kind of coordinated behaviour may provide insight to bad actors on how to avoid detection or to target their efforts. We therefore hope that, given our shared desire to protect against the efforts of bad actors, the Committee will be tolerant of us being unable to provide full answers in public where doing so may undermine these efforts.

To ensure our evidence is as constructive to the Committee's inquiry as possible, we have proposed to the Clerk the following:

- **TikTok gives full, detailed evidence to the Committee in a private setting.** As stated above, it is vitally important that the methods and practices we use are not disclosed in a public forum as doing so could put these processes, and by extension, our users at risk. Therefore, we could

only provide the greatest level of insight to the Committee via private evidence in which these highly sensitive issues can be outlined and discussed. We would be very happy to do this in writing, at a formal private session alone or with other platforms, or indeed via a full briefing hosted in our offices for the Committee in a more informal setting.

- **If still required, TikTok will participate alongside the other invited platforms in a public hearing for the Committee.** If the Committee considers there are further aspects it wishes to gain insight on in a public setting, we would be happy to appear as part of an industry evidence session. As this would necessarily have to be a higher-level discussion, we believe it is important that the full range of platforms you have invited attend, given the different threats we face and the evidence the Committee has heard so far, much of which is not of relevance to TikTok.

Finally, as also discussed with the Clerk, we understand there is a shared recognition that 2nd February was insufficient time to prepare with colleagues for such an important hearing and we are grateful for the flexibility the Committee has shown as work goes on to identify a suitable date.

We would of course be happy to meet with you directly to discuss any of the above in more detail. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Ali Law

Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, Northern Europe



**Foreign Affairs
Committee**

14 January 2026

Alistair Law

Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs (UK and Ireland)

TikTok

[By email]

Dear Mr Law

As you may be aware, the Foreign Affairs Committee is conducting an inquiry into the growing threat of foreign information manipulation and interference targeting the UK and its overseas interests.

Throughout this inquiry, we have gathered evidence from a wide range of experts on the impact of foreign interference on democracies. Many have highlighted the role of social media platforms and their potential abuse by malign actors through coordinated inauthentic behaviour.

Given the increasing concerns of foreign interference in democratic processes and institutions globally, we are inviting you to give public evidence to the Foreign Affairs Committee on the topic of social media platforms and coordinated inauthentic behaviour. The public oral evidence session will take place on Monday 2 February from 1330. The Committee has issued a similar invitation to representatives from Meta and X.

As is standard practice, I will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

*Yours
Dame Emily Thornberry*

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