

MINUTES

Session 2026-27

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 5th Meeting, held at 2pm on 23 June 2026

Present: Lord Anderson of Swansea
Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Chair)
Baroness Bonham-Carter of Yarnbury
Baroness Blower
Lord Hannay of Chiswick
Baroness Lawlor
Lord McDonald of Salford
Lord Stevenson of Balmacara

Advisers in attendance: Paul Berman (Counsel for International Law)

1. **Apologies and notices**

Apologies were received from Lord Boateng, Lord German, Lord Johnson and Baroness Verma.

Baroness Anelay chaired the meeting in Lord Johnson's absence.

2. **Public evidence session: UK–Poland Security and Defence Partnership**

At 2pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- Justyna Gotkowska, Deputy Director, Centre for Eastern Studies
- Ed Arnold, Senior Advisor, Defence, The D Group
- Kevin Craven, CEO, ADS Group

A full transcript was taken.

3. **Agreement for reporting: UK–Moldova Agreement on the Readmission of Persons Residing without Authorisation**

The Committee considered the paper by the Counsel for International Law.

The Committee agreed to report on the Agreement without seeking oral evidence or requesting an extension.

4. **Any other business**

The Committee considered its Forward Work Programme.

Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 30 June 2026 at 2pm (Committee Room TBC).

24 June 2026