



**Foreign Affairs
Committee**

Tuesday 14 July 2026

**The Rt Hon Alistair Burt
Envoy for Complex Consular Detentions**

Dear Alistair

On behalf of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Envoy for Complex Consular Detentions.

The Committee has long called for the appointment of an arbitrary detention Envoy; indeed, in our report on the Israel-Palestine Conflict, to which you gave evidence, we called for the Government to outline its plans for the appointment.

Given the number of cases of British citizens being held without proper judicial process in a number of different territories, the Committee looks forward to learning more about the way in which your role will be resourced and empowered to support hostage families.

To that end, I would like to invite you to meet with us, at your earliest convenience. I would be grateful if your officials could work with the Clerk to identify a mutually convenient time.

*Congrats
yours
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**Dame Emily Thornberry MP
Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee**