

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 11th Meeting, held at 2pm on 21 July 2026

Present: Lord Anderson of Swansea
Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Acting Chair)
Lord Boateng
Lord German
Lord Hannay of Chiswick
Lord Johnson of Lainston
Baroness Lawlor
Lord McDonald of Salford
Lord Stevenson of Balmacara

Advisers in attendance: Paul Berman (Counsel for International Law)
Professor Sarah Hall (Specialist Trade Adviser)

1. **Apologies and notices**

Apologies were received from Baroness Blower, Baroness Bonham-Carter and Baroness Verma.

Lord Johnson of Lainston attended virtually. In his absence from the room, Baroness Anelay of St Johns took the Chair.

2. **Public evidence session: Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention)**

At 2pm the Committee heard evidence from:

- Emma Floyd, Director, Sport and Gambling, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
- Simon Mason, Deputy Director, Sport, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

A full transcript was taken.

The following members declared interests:

- Lord Boateng: Vice President, Lotteries Council

3. **Report consideration: UK–Moldova Readmission Agreement**

The Committee considered the Chair's draft report on the UK–Moldova Readmission Agreement.

The report was agreed with amendments.

The Committee agreed to write separately to the Minister on the Agreement's provisions with respect to the European Court of Human Rights.

The Committee noted the Government's view, which it shares, that Transnistria is part of the Republic of Moldova.

4. Private discussion: Trade in a Turbulent World inquiry next steps

The Committee discussed the evidence received to date and considered the next steps for the inquiry.

Date of next meeting

The Committee would next meet on 8 September 2026 at 2pm (Committee Room TBC).

22 July 2026