



Joint Committee on Human Rights

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Security Minister
Cabinet Office and Home Office
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RUSSIAN TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION

Dear Minister,

I know you are aware of the report by the Joint Committee of Human Rights of 30 July 2025 on Transnational Repression in the UK. The Committee is grateful to you and your departments for your continued engagement with us on this important subject, and for the Government's commitment to ensuring the UK's framework for countering transnational repression is as robust as possible.

The Committee was very concerned to learn that on 4 August 2026, President Putin signed Federal Law No 284-FZ on temporary restrictive measures against persons located outside the Russian Federation and evading the execution of punishment, which came into force on the same day. This law creates a public list of Russian citizens abroad who are considered to be evading punishment, and who are subjected to a wide range of restrictive measures. We understand the list includes Russian citizens residing in the UK.

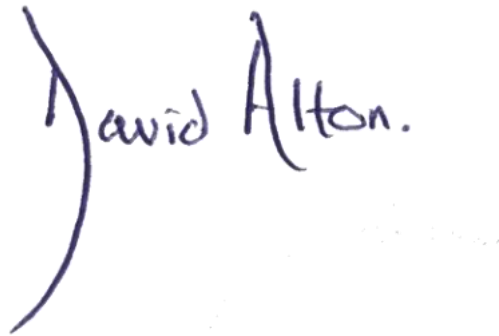
The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation, Mariana Katzarova, described this law as "a severe form of transnational repression". She called on states to ensure that affected individuals can obtain and renew identity and travel documents, regularise their residence, and retain access to banking and employment.



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I would be grateful if you could tell the Committee what assessment the Government has made of the implications of this law for Russian citizens living in the UK, and whether the Government is proposing to take any steps, in addition to those set out in the response to our report and your letter to us of 8 December 2025, to ensure affected individuals are adequately supported and protected. I would appreciate a response by 2 October 2026.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights