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Dear Anna,

Agreement between the United Kingdom and Moldova on the Readmission of Persons Without Authorisation

Many congratulations on your appointment.

The International Agreements Committee was grateful for the Explanatory Memorandum submitted by your predecessor on the above Agreement, and has now completed its scrutiny of the Agreement pursuant to the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010. We will publish our report, with our conclusions and recommendations, on Friday 24 July.

In considering the Agreement, the Committee took note of the express references in both Article 17 and the preamble to the rights, obligations and responsibilities of both Parties arising from the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR). In view of the current debates and proposals regarding withdrawal from the Convention, we would ask the Government to clarify what would be the consequences for the Agreement if, after the Agreement's ratification and entry into force, the United Kingdom were subsequently to withdraw from the ECHR.

While the Committee has decided that it is not necessary to address this issue in its report on the Agreement, it does provide important background to understanding the implications of these and similar provisions in other agreements which refer to the ECHR. We would therefore be grateful for a response by the same deadline as the Government response to our report.

I appreciate that this is a matter where the response may fall more within the responsibilities of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), and I am therefore copying this letter to Uma Karaman MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the FCDO, also with my congratulations on her appointment.

With best wishes,

Lord Johnson of Lainston

Chair, International Agreements Committee