

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**Minutes of the 10th Meeting, held at 11am on Tuesday, 15 September 2026,
Committee Room 3***Present:*

Lord Stirrup (Chair)

Lord Barrow

Baroness Smith of Newnham

Lord Jackson of Peterborough

Lord Moynihan of Chelsea

Lord Tugendhat

Baroness Ashton

Lord Elliot of Mickle Fell

Baroness Suttie

Lord Grantchester

Lord Brennan of Canton

The Duke of Wellington

Mr Tim Mitchell, the Counsel for European Law, was in attendance

1. Apologies and Notices

Apologies were received from Baroness Gustafsson

2. UK-EU Agreement on Gibraltar, session on 15 September

At 11:00 am the Committee heard evidence from:

- The Lord Wood of Anfield, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
- Paul Hughes, Deputy Head of the Southern Europe Department at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). Previously Joint Deputy Head of the FCDO's Gibraltar Negotiations Taskforce

At 12:00 the Committee heard evidence from:

- Hon Fabian Picardo KC MP, Chief Minister of the Government of Gibraltar

Related documents (one note covering both sessions):

- *Note by the Counsel for European Law and suggested questions* (**EAC/26-27/054**)

3. Forward Work Programme

The Committee *considered* a Note by the Clerk (**EAC/26-27/055**)

4. Any other business

The Committee *took note* of the following documents:

- *Note by the Counsel for European Law for the Committee's information* (**EAC/26-27/056**)

Related documents:

- *Explanatory Memorandum on a UK/EU withdrawal agreement or trade and cooperation agreement governance document* **COM(2026)293**

- *Explanatory Memorandum on a UK/EU withdrawal agreement or trade and cooperation agreement governance document* **COM(2026)295**

- Letter from Lord Hanson to the Chair informing the Committee of changes to the immigration rules, in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme, 3 September 2026
- Letter to the Chair from Rob Jones CBE, Director General Operations, National Crime Agency, 6 July 2026 NB: Mr Jones has requested that the letter be treated IN CONFIDENCE. Members should not therefore refer to the letter or its contents in public, and should take particular care that it is not seen or shared beyond Members of the Committee

The Committee agreed the minutes of the 9th Meeting (**EAC/26-27/057**)

The Committee will next meet on 13 October 2026 at 11am

8 October 2026

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