Informal meetings held by the Foreign Affairs Committee during Session 2015–16

Monday 7 September 2015

Monday 7 September 2015
Mrs Oya Tuncali, representative, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Esra Emin, Political Officer

Tuesday 8 September 2015
Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue: David Harland, Executive Director, Romain Grandjean, Senior Programme Manager, Middle East and North Africa, Adam Cooper, Country Representative for Burma, and Michael Vatikiotis, Regional Director for Asia

Wednesday 9 September 2015
Delegation of members of the Ukrainian Parliament: Svitlana Zalishchuck, Natalia Kaser-Buchkovska, Oleksiy Mykhailovych Ryabchyn, Oleksiy Skrypnyk

Thursday 10 September 2015
HE Abdurrahman Bilgiç, Ambassador of Republic of Turkey

Monday 14 September 2015
Delegation from the Parliament of Honduras: Mauricio Oliva Herrera, President of the National Congress of Honduras, Jose Tomas Zambrano Molina, Secretary of the National Congress of Honduras, Jaime Enrique Villegas, Co-Chair of Legislators, Anticorruption Party of Honduras, Victor Rolando Sabillon Sabillon, Member of Parliament, Liberal Party of Honduras, Yenny Yessenia Murillo Peña, Co-Chair of Legislators, Independent Bench, Mario Alonso Pérez Lopez, First Secretary of the National Congress of Honduras, National Party of Honduras, Analina Montes Hawit, Parliamentary Advisor, H.E. Ivan Romero-Martinez, Ambassador of Honduras

Tuesday 15 September 2015
Delegation from the Kuwait National Assembly: Marzouq Al Ghanim, Member and Speaker, Rakan Al Nisf MP, Ahmed Al Qadibi MP, Majid Mousa Al Moutairi MP, Askar Al Enzi MP, HE Khaled Al Duwaisan Khaled Al Duwaisan, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to London, HE Matthew Lodge, Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the State of Kuwait

Tuesday 15 September 2015
HE Peter Millett, UK Ambassador to Libya

Wednesday 16 September 2015
Delegation from the Parliament of Iraq: Hon Dr Saleem Al Jibouri, Speaker, Mohammed Ali
Mohammed, Member, Hassan Al Bazoon, Member, Ms Vian Dakeel Saeed, Member, Ammar Obeid, Member, Kasro Goran, Member, HE Dr Salih Ali, Iraqi Ambassador to the UK, Aliyas Mahdawi, Speaker’s Press Officer, Waleed Al Jibouri, Speaker’s Aide, Ziad Jibouri, Speaker’s Aide, Bilal Al Hasirahchi, Iraqi Diplomat

Wednesday 16 September 2015
Ms Maha Azzam, and Dr Wael Haddara, Egyptian Revolutionary Council

Thursday 8 October 2015
Mr Mohamed Fahmy, and Andrew Wigley, Cape Partnership

Thursday 8 October 2015
Erica Ng, outgoing Director-General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, and Priscilla To, new Director-General

Wednesday 14 October 2015
Mr Mohamed Soltan, Hanaa Soltan, Sawsan Gharib, US General Coordinator of the April 6th Movement, Julian Weinberg, representative of Forward Thinking, Dr Daud Abdulllah, Director, Middle East Monitor, Noor Ahmed, Middle East Monitor, Yasmina Allouche

Thursday 15 October 2015
HE Mr Mohammad Hassan Habibollahzadeh, Chargé d’Affaires, Islamic Republic of Iran

Thursday 15 October 2015
Delegation of members of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee of the Norwegian Parliament: Anniken Huitfeldt, Chair, Oyvind Hallraker, Christian Tybring-Gjedde, Elin Agdestein, Regina Alexandrova, Sylvi Graham, Svein Roald Hansen, Trond Helleland, Liv Signe Navarsete, Kare Simensen, Bard Vegar Solhjell

Monday 19 October 2015
HE Nabil Ammar, Tunisian Ambassador, and Mr Naoufel Hdia, Counsellor, Tunisian Embassy

Monday 19 October 2015
HE Witold Sobkow, Ambassador of Poland, Katarzyna Krause, Head of the Political Section, Polish Embassy

Wednesday 21 October 2015
Dr Hossein Amir Abdollahain, Deputy Foreign Minister, Islamic Republic of Iran, H.E. Mr Mohammad Hassan Habibollahzadeh, Resident Charge d’Affaires, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr Mohammad Alibak, Director for the Persian Gulf, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Moshen Omidzamani, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Wednesday 21 October 2015
Ihsan Al Hakim, UK and Ireland Representative, Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), Dhia Muhsin, Foreign Relations Advisor for ISCI in the UK, and Nadeem Alabdalla-Co-ordinator of the Anglo-Iraqi Studies Centre
Thursday 22 October 2015
Mr Andriy Parubiy, Deputy Speaker, Ukrainian Parliament, Mr Ihor Kyzym, Chargé d’Affaires, Embassy of Ukraine, Mr Ostap Kryvdyk, and officials, Embassy of Ukraine

Thursday 22 October 2015
Mr Fouad Siniora, former Prime Minister, Lebanon

Monday 26 October 2015
Mr Yehuda Shaul, founder, Breaking the Silence in Israel, Sir Vincent Fean, former UK Consul-General in Jerusalem

Monday 26 October 2015
Delegation of Australian parliamentarians: The Hon. Teresa Gambaro MP, Chair, Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, Senator the Hon. Kim Carr, Mark Coulton MP, Chief Whip, Senator David Fawcett, Deputy Government Whip, Senate, Susan Cardell, Delegation Secretary.

Wednesday 4 November 2015
HE Euriptides L. Evriviades, High Commissioner, Cyprus, and Mr Solon Savva, Counsellor, Cyprus

Thursday 5 November 2015
Ambassador HE Ms Päivi Luostarinen and Ms. Marjo Mäki-Leppilampi, Counsellor, Embassy of Finland

Thursday 5 November 2015
Liz Dibble and Tom Williams, US Embassy

Thursday 5 November 2015
Khaled Khoja, President of the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces

Monday 9 November 2015
HE Mr. Konstantinos Bikas, Greek Ambassador

Tuesday 10 November 2015
Mr AbdulMagid Breish, Chairman and CEO, Libyan Investment Authority; Mr Saddek Omar Ali Elkaber, Governor, Libyan Central Bank; Mr Mustafa Sanallah, Chairman, National Oil Corporation; Abd al-Salam al-Badri, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Head of Public Services (Electricity, Water)

Monday 16 November 2015
Delegation from the Kenyan National Assembly Foreign and Defence Committee: Hon. Elias Shill MP; Hon. David Pkosing MP; Hon. Ndungu Gethenji MP; Njee Muturi, Solicitor-General; H.E. Lazarus Amayo, High Commissioner of Kenya to the United Kingdom; Korir SingOei, Legal Advisor to the Deputy President of Kenya; Charles Anglin, Adviser to the delegation

Monday 16 November 2015
Ms Sigrid Kaag, UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon
Tuesday 17 November 2015
Ms Emine Colak, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Mrs Oya Tuncali, TRNC representative in the UK

Tuesday 17 November 2015
Delegation from the European Parliament Constitutional Affairs Committee: Danuta Maria Hübner MEP (Chair), György Schöpflin MEP, David McAllister MEP, Elmar Brok MEP, Mercedes Bresso MEP, Jo Leinen MEP, Richard Corbett MEP, Kazimierz Ujazdowski MEP, Maite Pagazaurtundua MEP, Martina Anderson MEP, Josep-Maria Terricabras MEP, and staff

Thursday 19 November 2015
Delegation from the Bundestag Friendship Committee: Abg. Stephan Mayer (Committee Chair and delegation leader), Abg. Jens Zimmermann, Abg. Elisabeth Motschmann, Abg. Dr. Andreas Nick, Abg. Doris Wagner

Thursday 19 November 2015
Czech Chamber of Deputies Committee

Thursday 19 November 2015
Council of Arab Ambassadors

Tuesday 23 November 2015
Delegation of parliamentarians from Côte d’Ivoire: M. Guillaume Sem Soro, President of the National Assembly, Mme Nossamba Mondeny Diomande, M. Francis Desclercs, M. Tébé Norbert Johnwan, M. Mamadou Dely, M. Konan Adolphe Saraka, and staff

Tuesday 1 December 2015
The Hon Victor Banks, Chief Minister of Anguilla, Councillor Caroline Yon MBE, Ascension Islands Council, The Hon Michael Dunkley JP MP, Premier of Bermuda, Dr The Hon D. Orlando Smith OBE, Premier of British Virgin Islands, The Hon Alden McLaughlin, Premier of Cayman Islands, The Hon Roger Edwards MLA, Falkland Islands, Mr Ernest Gomez, Chief Secretary, Gibraltar, The Hon Donaldson Romeo, Premier of Montserrat, Councillor Leslie Jacques OBE, Pitcairn, Councillor Lawson Henry, St Helena, Mr Chris Carnegy, UK Representative, Tristan da Cunha, Dr The Hon Rufus Ewing, Premier of Turks & Caicos Islands

Thursday 3 December 2015
Dr The Hon Rufus Ewing, Premier of Turks & Caicos Islands, the Hon. Charles Washington Misick, Minister of Finance, Trade and Investment, Ronlee James - Head of Secretariat, Premiers Office, Ms Althea Been - Director of the Premier’s Office, staff of the Turks and Caicos Islands Government London Office

Monday 7 December 2015
HE Mr Orlando Drago, Chilean Ambassador

Monday 7 December 2015
UNRWA Commissioner General Pierre Krahenbuhl

Tuesday 8 December 2015
Delegation from Shura Council of Saudi Arabia: Dr. Khalid bin Abdullah al Saud (head of
delegation), Mr. Abdurahman Rashed al Rashed, Dr. Ibrahim M. Abu Abat, Dr. Khalid M. Al Saif, Dr. Hatem M. Al Marzouqi, Dr. Hayat S. Sendi, staff of the Shura Council and staff of the Royal Saudi Embassy

Monday 14 December 2015
Mme Anne Brasseur, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Tuesday 15 December 2015
Dr Laurie Bristow, HMA-designate, Moscow

Monday 18 January 2016
Ambassador HE Stefanov Dimitrov, Bulgarian Ambassador

Thursday 21 January 2016
Mr Mohamed Okda, Mr Julian Weinberg, representative of Forward Thinking

Monday 25 January 2016
HE Ms Asta Skaisgyrte, Ambassador of Lithuania, HE Mr Andris Teikmanis, Ambassador of Latvia, HE Mr Lauri Bambus, Ambassador of Estonia, Mr Gintaras Stonys, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Lithuania, Ms Solveiga Silkalna, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Latvia, Ms Ann Hanni, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Estonia.

Tuesday 26 January 2016
Delegation from the Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Assembly, Pakistan: Mr Asad Qaiser MPA, Speaker, Ms Anisa Zeb Tahirkheli MPA, Mr Muhammad Atif MPA, Mr Inayat Ullah Khan MPA, Mr Shahram Khan MPA, Dr Haider Ali MPA, Ms Nighet Orakzai MPA, Mr Sardar Aurangzeb MPA, Assemblystaff and British Council staff

Wednesday 27 January 2016
Mr Karwan Jamal Tahir, Kurdistan Regional Government High Representative to the UK, Khasrow Aigayi, Director of Political Affairs and Media, Kurdistan Regional Government, United Kingdom Representation

Tuesday 2 February 2016
Ludovico Carlino and Columb Strack, Senior Analysts, Middle East & North Africa, IHS

Tuesday 2 February 2016
HE Natalia Galibarenko, Ukrainian Ambassador, and staff of the Embassy of Ukraine

Wednesday 3 February 2016
HM King Abdullah of Jordan, Dr Fayez Tarawneh, Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, Dr Nasser Judeh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, HE Mr Mazen Homoud, Jordanian Ambassador, and staff (held jointly with the House of Commons Defence Committee)

Monday 8 February 2016
Delegation from the Finnish Parliament: Mr Pertti Salolainen MP, Chair of UK-Finland
Friendship Group and deputy chair of Foreign Affairs Committee, Mr Simon Elo MP, Ms Aila Paloniemi MP, Mr Timo Harakka MP, Ms Johanna Karimäki MP, Ms Päivi Räsänen MP

**Wednesday 10 February 2016**
Mr Nazar Mirjan Mohammed, Counsellor, Iraqi Embassy in London; Hashem Mahdi Bahr Alolom, Third Secretary, Iraqi Embassy in London.

**Wednesday 24 February 2016**
Mr Said Ferjani and Nebil Karoui, Forward Thinking

**Monday 29 February 2016**
Einar K Gudfinnsson, Speaker of Icelandic Althing, Mrs Thorunn Egilsdottir, 2nd Deputy Speaker, HE Thordur Aegir Oskarsson, Ambassador, Embassy of Iceland in London, Mr Ossur Skarphedinsonsson, Member of Parliament, Mr Jorundur Kristjánsson, Director of the Speaker’s Office

**Wednesday 2 March 2016**
The Hon. Yuli-Yoel Edelstein, M.K., Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yehiel Hilik Bar, M.K. Deputy Speaker of the Knesset; Mr. Yoav Kisch, M.K., Ms. Revital Swid MK, Knesset staff

**Wednesday 2 March 2016**
HE Mr Sergei Aleinik, Belarus Ambassador, and Embassy staff

**Thursday 17 March 2016**
Prof Konstantinos Douzinas, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Defence and Foreign Affairs, Greek Parliament

**Tuesday 22 March 2016**
Ambassador Pierre Vimont, French Foreign Ministry envoy for the preparation of the international conference to renew the Middle East peace process

**Wednesday 13 April 2016**
Hon Allan Bell MHK, Chief Minister, the Isle of Man

**Wednesday 13 April 2016**
Dr Taieb Baccouche, Secretary-General-designate of the Union for the Arab Maghreb and former Foreign Minister of Tunisia

**Wednesday 20 April 2016**
Marko Mihkelson, Chairman of the National Defence Committee of the Parliament of Estonia, HE Lauri Bambus, Ambassador of Estonia, Ann Hanni, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Estonia

**Monday 25 April 2016**
Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

**Wednesday 11 May 2016**
Mr Kamran Foroughi
Wednesday 11 May 2016
Yemi Hailemariam, partner of Andy Tsege, Bezuneh Tsege, and representatives of Reprieve