



**All-Party Parliamentary Group on Extraordinary Rendition
House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**

Minutes for Inaugural Meeting for the new Parliament

Date: Tuesday 11 February 2020
Location: Interview Room 2, Portcullis House
Time: 5:00pm

Attendance

Rt Hon Lord Tyrie (Chair)
Rt Hon Lord Tyler
Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Andy Slaughter MP
Baroness Ludford
Baroness d'Souza
Lord Hodgson
Lord Dubs

Roger Gough (Coordinator)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Rt Hon Alistair Carmichael MP and Baroness Stern.

2. Election of officers of the Group

The following were proposed, seconded and elected unanimously as officers of the Group:

Chair: Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP
Co-Chair: Rt Hon Lord Tyrie
Treasurer: Lord Hodgson
Vice-Chairs: Lord Tyler, Andy Slaughter MP, Baroness Ludford

3. Accounts for year ended 31 August 2019

Members of the Group agreed to receive the accounts for the year to 31 August 2019, presented by Lord Hodgson, who also reported that the Group currently has £33,076 in the bank.

4. Group activities in the new Parliament

Andrew Tyrie led a discussion on priorities for the Group in the new Parliament.

- (1) The need to continue pressing for a new rendition inquiry
- (2) Addressing the weaknesses of the Intelligence and Security Committee (ISC), reflected in reduced prime ministerial engagement in recent years and above all in the deficiencies of the first ISC report on rendition and the blocking of access to witnesses in the second. This was an area in which the Group felt it should work with other relevant organisations
- (3) US litigation, regarding which a meeting is due shortly with pro bono advisers Hogan Lovells
- (4) Legal changes to prevent recurrence of the issue, in the light of the *Principles* (replacing the previous *Consolidated Guidance*) issued by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office last summer. It might be possible for the APPG to revisit work done with Freshfields some eight years ago
- (5) Looking to appoint a new Coordinator, since Roger Gough was due to step down
- (6) Fund raising to maintain the APPG on a sustainable footing

The meeting closed at 5:50 PM.