



Due Diligence Statement: British Council and Soft Power All-Party Parliamentary Group

Secretariat: British Council
Date: 20/01/2026

Secretariat Assurance Statement

Assurance Question	Confirmation
All members of the secretariat are fully identified.	Yes
I, as the APPG Chair undertaking due diligence, understand who else the secretariat members work for and their external responsibilities.	Yes
I know whether the secretariat members are paid or remunerated, and if so, by whom.	Yes – secretariat staff are employees of the British Council.
The secretariat has confirmed it is not part of, working for, or funded by a foreign government.	Yes*
Where a group, charity, company or organisation is providing or finding the secretariat, I know how that entity is funded.	Yes
The group, charity or organisation has stated it is not funded, directly or indirectly, by a foreign government.	Yes

*The British Council is a UK public body and arm's-length organisation, sponsored by the UK Government, with mixed funding from grant-in-aid and commercial income. It is not funded by foreign governments.

Online Research

Check	Outcome
The organisation providing the secretariat has a publicly available online presence.	Yes
The organisation appears elsewhere online (e.g. news articles, blogs) linked to a foreign government.	No evidence of links to foreign government funding.
Online presence confirms or infers a link to a foreign government, now or in the past.	Confirmed no such link.
If appropriate, Companies House or equivalent checks have been conducted and results considered.	N/A (British Council is a statutory body).

Declaration

I confirm that I have undertaken appropriate due diligence in line with Parliamentary guidance and am satisfied that the secretariat arrangements for the **British Council and Soft Power All-Party Parliamentary Group** are compliant.

Signed:



APPG Chair

Name: Fabian Hamilton

Position: Chair of the APPG

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