

APPG on the Rule of Law

Due Diligence Statement in Relation to Foreign Government Funding - for Annual General Meeting 2024

Date: Monday 20 May 2024

Time: 4.30pm


Location: Committee Room 4A, House of Lords

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the [APPG Rules](#), this is the due diligence statement of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Rule of Law. The recommended checklist has been completed as shown below.

Name of APPG:	APPG on the Rule of Law
Secretariat Assurance Statement	
All members of the secretariat are fully identified.	Yes. Members of the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, which provides the secretariat to the APPG are listed on https://binghamcentre.biicl.org/people . Those providing secretariat services are known to APPG Officers through correspondence and/or meetings. During the reporting year, these have been: Maia Cohen, Bradley Dawson (identified by the Centre for this statement as providing email and website support), Murray Hunt, Jeff King, Lucy Moxham and Jan van Zyl Smit.
I [APPG Officer undertaking due diligence] understand who else the secretariat members work for and their external responsibilities.	Yes. The Bingham Centre forms part of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL), a highly regarded independent research institute in the field of international and comparative law and the rule of law.
I know whether the secretariat members are paid or remunerated, and if so, by whom.	Yes. Bingham Centre members are employees of BIICL.
They have confirmed they are not part of, working for or funded by a foreign government.	Yes.
Where a group, charity, company, etc, is providing or finding the secretariat, I know how that entity is funded.	BIICL is a charity (registration no. 209425) and also a company limited by guarantee (company no. 00615025). Its accounts and annual reports are regularly published in accordance with the relevant law.
The group, charity or organisation has stated it is not funded, directly or indirectly, by a foreign government.	The Bingham Centre, which provides the secretariat to the APPG, has confirmed that it is not funded either directly or indirectly by a foreign government.



Online Research	
Individual, group or company providing secretariat has a publicly available online presence.	Yes: https://binghamcentre.biicl.org/
Individual, group or company appears elsewhere online (e.g. news articles, blogs) linked to a foreign government.	The Bingham Centre analyses rule of law issues arising in many foreign countries but does so in an independent capacity.
Online presence does not confirm or infer a link to a foreign government, now or in the past.	As above.
If appropriate, Companies House checks have been conducted and results considered.	Not conducted as not considered necessary.
Signed: 	Role of Member in the APPG Co-Chair