` All-Party Parliamentary Group on

POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Hon. Co-Chairs: Virendra Sharma MP and Baroness Hussein-Ece OBE
Hon Vice-Chairs: Tommy Sheppard MP and Baroness Jenkin of Kennington

**APPG on PDRH EGM and Committee/Briefing meeting**

**26th February 2024, 16:00 – 17:00, Room R, Portcullis House, HoC**

**Present**

Baroness Hussein-Ece (MHE)

Virendra Sharma MP (VS)

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington (AJ)

Baroness Hodgson (FH)

Kim Johnson MP (KJ)

Viscount Craigavon (JC)

Baroness Northover (LN) – present for CM only

Apsana Begum MP (AB) - present for CM only

Ann Mette Kjaerby (AMK)

Mikki Francis-Lawton (MFL)

**Apologies**

Alison McGovern MP

Baroness Uddin

Baroness Watkins of Tavistock

Chris Elmore MP

Craig Whittaker MP

Dame Diana Johnson MP

Heather Wheeler MP

Jon Ashworth MP

Kirsty Blackman MP

Liz Saville-Roberts MP

Lord Dholakia

Lord Foulkes of Cumnock

Lord Patel

Lord Rennard

Lord Watson

Nusrat Ghani MP

Peter Bottomley MP

Steve McCabe MP

Tommy Sheppard MP

**Minutes of EGM**

Baroness Hussein-Ece opened the meeting by expressing the regret of the members of the APPG on PDRH on the death of long-term member Baroness Flather and noting her support and contributions over the years to Women and Girls and SRHR.

**Election of 4 New Officers**

The new rules governing APPGs, due to come into place on 31st March 2024, require that all APPGs have only four named Officers. In order to comply with these rules, the following Officers were elected from the membership.

Virendra Sharma MP as Chair and registered contact

Meral Hussein-Ece as Co-Chair

Baroness Jenkin of Kennington and Tommy Sheppard MP as Joint Vice-Chairs

It was noted that the APPG on PDRH already fulfills the new criteria that all APPGs have at least twenty members – full membership list will now be made available on APPG on PDRH website as per new rules.

**Committee/Briefing Meeting Minutes**

**Minutes of last committee meeting**

The minutes of the last committee meeting were signed as a correct record.

**Chairs report back/questions**

MHE welcomed Kim Johnson MP and Apsana Begum MP as new members of the group and thanked them for their participation in the Tanzania study tour.

MHE made members aware that there is an upcoming briefing with UNFPA and SRHR Network ahead of the IPCI ICPD+30 in Oslo taking place on 12th March, if anyone wished to attend.

MHE informed the meeting that EPF will be sending a delegation to the UN Commission on Population & Development 28th April – 2nd May in New York and have space for one UK parliamentarian to join them. It was agreed that MFL would include this in the next Future Business email sent to the APPG on PDRH members.

It was noted that the International Women’s Day debates will be taking place in the HoL on 8th March and HoC date TBC with the theme was Economic Inclusion of Women. Members were encouraged to raise the economic benefit of investing in Women and Girls and in particular SRHR.

**Briefing meeting**

The meeting was due to have a briefing on the ID Select Committee SRHR inquiry from Sarah Champion MP, Chair ID Select Committee, but unfortunately her office sent last-minute apologies due to unforeseen circumstances. The briefing will be rescheduled for a future date.

**AOB**

AJ, FH, KJ and AB reported back on the APPG on PDRH study tour to Tanzania.

MHE noted the group’s thanks to AMK for the interesting programme and smooth running of the study tour – the report is being drafted for circulation. AMK suggested a follow up luncheon with Tanzania HC, FCDO, delegates and SRHR organisation. This was of interest to members - date TBC.

There was no other business.

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