**The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nutrition for Development**

**Inaugural Meeting**

**Wednesday 23 October 2024**

**Minutes**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nutrition for Development held its Inaugural Meeting on Wednesday 23 October 2024 in Room T, Portcullis House, House of Commons.

Present

The Rt Hon the Lord Bruce of Bennachie

The Lord Cameron of Dillington

Monica Harding MP

Alice Macdonald MP

The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP

The Rt Hon David Mundell MP

The Lord Oates

Steve Race MP

In attendance

Christopher Barton, Chief of Staff to The Rt Hon David Mundell MP

Max Farra, Office of The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP

Amy Smith, United Against Malnutrition and Hunger

Martha Varney, United Against Malnutrition and Hunger

The minutes of the Inaugural Meeting are as follows:

It was noted that due notice of the meeting had been given and that at least five Parliamentarians were present. Accordingly, a quorum was reached, and the meeting could proceed to business. Lord Oates declared an interest as Chief Executive of United Against Malnutrition and Hunger, and it was noted that he would be abstaining from any relevant votes and would recuse himself from the discussion on the Secretariat.

Those Parliamentarians present agreed the election of the following Officers unanimously in accordance with Paragraphs 22b, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules:

* Co-Chair and Registered Contact – The Rt Hon David Mundell MP (Conservative)
* Co-Chair – Steve Race MP (Labour)
* Vice-Chairs – The Baroness Goudie (Labour) and Monica Harding MP (Liberal Democrat)

Those Parliamentarians present noted the membership of the Group and that it met the new rule threshold of at least 20 members (Paragraph 22c, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules). As at the time of the Inaugural Meeting, the Group’s formal membership includes:

1. The Rt Hon the Baroness Anelay of St Johns (Conservative)
2. The Rt Hon the Lord Boateng (Labour)
3. The Rt Hon the Lord Bruce of Bennachie (Liberal Democrat)
4. The Lord Cameron of Dillington (Crossbench)
5. Sarah Champion MP (Labour)
6. Bambos Charalambous MP (Labour)
7. The Lord Crisp (Crossbench)
8. Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi MP (Labour)
9. The Rt Hon the Baroness Featherstone (Liberal Democrat)
10. The Rt Hon the Lord Foulkes of Cumnock (Labour)
11. The Baroness Goudie (Labour)
12. Monica Harding MP (Liberal Democrat)
13. The Rt Hon the Baroness Hayman (Crossbench)
14. The Baroness Hodgson of Abinger (Conservative)
15. Laura Kyrke-Smith MP (Labour)
16. Alice Macdonald MP (Labour)
17. The Rt Hon the Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale (Labour)
18. The Rt Hon Wendy Morton MP (Conservative)
19. The Rt Hon David Mundell MP (Conservative)
20. The Rt Hon the Baroness Northover (Liberal Democrat)
21. The Lord Purvis of Tweed (Liberal Democrat)
22. Steve Race MP (Labour)
23. The Baroness Sheehan (Liberal Democrat)
24. The Baroness Sugg (Conservative)
25. David Taylor MP (Labour)
26. The Lord Verjee (Liberal Democrat)

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved a proposal that United Against Malnutrition and Hunger be appointed the Group’s Secretariat. The Parliamentarians noted that this would include a benefit-in-kind to the Group to be registered in the banding between £34,501 to £36,000 (Paragraphs 27-32, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules).

In appointing the Secretariat, the Co-Chair (Rt Hon David Mundell MP) put on record his gratitude to Results UK for their support in relation to Secretarial services and looked forward to continuing to work with Results UK to achieve the APPG’s aims and objectives and to support APPG members and other Parliamentarians in advocating for global nutrition within the UK Parliament.

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved a Statement of Purpose for the Group, as listed below (Paragraphs 22a, All-Party Parliamentary Groups, Guide to the Rules):

* To raise the profile of global malnutrition in Parliament and champion solutions to end it, to strengthen cross-party Parliamentary support for UK investment in nutrition and food security, and to support and challenge the UK government to maintain their leadership on global nutrition and food security.

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved overarching aims for the Group, as listed below:

* To inform Parliamentarians about the global state of nutrition and food security.
* To strengthen cross-party Parliamentary support for UK leadership and investment in nutrition.
* To support and challenge the UK Government to maintain their leadership on global nutrition.

Those Parliamentarians present discussed and approved key objectives for 2024/2025 for the Group, as listed below:

* To keep members informed of updates and milestones across global nutrition and equipped with up-to-date data to enable them to make meaningful Parliamentary contributions and take advantage of opportunities to profile nutrition, including around global Summits such as the G7, G20, and CHOGM.
* To ensure sufficient Parliamentary attention is given to the Nutrition for Growth (N4G) Summit in Paris in 2025.
* To maintain and build relationships with key actors working on nutrition and with Parliamentarians in other countries.
* To undertake cross-party Parliamentary delegation overseas visits to high burden countries to understand examples of progress and challenges to meeting nutrition targets.
* To undertake cross-party Parliamentary visits to UK science and research hubs to understand examples of British innovation to address malnutrition and food insecurity.
* To demonstrate and inform Parliamentary colleagues of the cross-cutting / cross-sectoral nature of nutrition as foundational to development.
* To grow membership and reach of the APPG and to increase public support for and awareness of nutrition.

The Chair asked the Secretariat to present an overview of upcoming activity – with a particular focus on the N4G Summit, delegation visits to high burden countries and to UK science, research, and innovation institutions, and thematic areas of focus including climate and debt – which was subsequently discussed by those Parliamentarians present. It was agreed that the Secretariat would develop a tool kit for Parliamentarians to host constituency roundtables in the lead up to N4G Summit.