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London 2 June and Paris 8 June 2026

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*Presented to Parliament
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
by Command of His Majesty
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**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC AMENDING AND
EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH
REPUBLIC ON THE PREVENTION OF DANGEROUS JOURNEYS, DONE
AT LONDON ON 29 JULY 2025 AND PARIS ON 30 JULY 2025**

Letter No.1

Home Secretary to the French Minister of Interior

*London
2 June 2026*

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic on the Prevention of Dangerous Journeys, done at London on 29 July 2025 and Paris on 30 July 2025 ("the Agreement").

Following our recent meeting which allowed us to observe the quality of the cooperation established under the Agreement, as well as our mutual interest in continuing its implementation to combat irregular migration more effectively, and prevent unauthorized movements and dangerous journeys between France and the United Kingdom, I have the honour to propose an extension to the period of the Agreement. Further, acknowledging the desire set out in the preamble to the Agreement for flexibility in relation to the relevant cohorts and selection criteria, and in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 20 of the Agreement, I wish to propose an addition to the Objectives of the Agreement, explicitly adding the objective of deterring clandestine returns to the United Kingdom by individuals previously transferred to France under the Agreement.

Therefore, I have the honour, on behalf of my Government, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 22 and paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 20 of the Agreement, to propose the extension of the Agreement's provisions with effect from 11 June (the intent being to extend the Agreement without pause) until 1 October 2026 and that the Agreement be amended in accordance with the amendments set forth in the annex to this letter.

I should be grateful if you would inform me whether this proposal meets with the approval of your Government. If so, this letter and your reply confirming approval shall constitute an Agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of receipt of your reply.

Please accept, Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration.

Annex:

The Agreement of 29 July 2025 (London) and 30 July 2025 (Paris) on the Prevention of Dangerous Journeys is amended as follows:

Replace the first sentence of Article 1.1 by the following:

"This Agreement makes provision for individuals who arrive in the United Kingdom (i) via dangerous journeys on Small Boats or (ii) as a Returnee Case and who, upon arrival, do not or no longer, fulfil the conditions for entry to, presence in, or residence in the territory of the United Kingdom, to be returned and readmitted by France as efficiently as possible. "

Article 2.1: after subparagraph (f), add subparagraph (g) as follows:

"Returnee Case" means an individual who has previously been removed from the United Kingdom to France in accordance with Chapter II of this Agreement and then returned to the United Kingdom via clandestine means (other than Small Boat or air)."

Article 3: after subparagraph (c), add subparagraph (d) as follows

"a person who is a Returnee Case."

Article 4.1: after *"who upon arrival through a dangerous journey"* add

"(including, for the avoidance of doubt, Returnee Cases)".

Article 7.2: After *"the /S8Rform"* add

"(or a Notice of Liability or /S81 form in Returnee Cases)".

Article 8.1: Add at the end of the paragraph

"This time limit shall not apply in a Returnee Case and in those cases the United Kingdom shall submit an application/or readmission within a maximum of 4 calendar days after the date on which the Returnee Case is encountered by the United Kingdom."

Letter No.2

French Minister of Interior to the Home Secretary

Paris
8 June 2026

Madam Secretary of State,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 2 June 2026, regarding the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic on the Prevention of Dangerous Journeys, done at London on 29 July 2025 and Paris on 30 July 2025, which reads as follows:

‘As Above’

In reply, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the French Republic approves the terms of the letter set forth above and its annex; and that that letter and my reply shall therefore be regarded as constituting an Agreement between our two governments.

Under these circumstances, this Agreement shall enter into force on the date of this reply.

Please accept, Madam Secretary of State, the assurance of my highest consideration.

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