

DECISION No 1/2026
OF THE TRADE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE
ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR OPEN AND FAIR COMPETITION
AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
ESTABLISHED BY THE TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION
AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY, OF THE ONE PART,
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND, OF THE OTHER PART

of 30 June 2026

establishing a list of individuals who are willing and able to serve
as members of a panel of experts established under Article 409 of that Agreement

THE TRADE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR OPEN AND FAIR COMPETITION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,

Having regard to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part¹ (the 'Trade and Cooperation Agreement'), and in particular Article 409 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, was concluded by Council Decision (EU) 2021/689² and entered into force on 1 May 2021.

¹ OJ EU L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10,
ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/689\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2021/689(1)/oj).

² Council Decision (EU) 2021/689 of 29 April 2021 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European

- (2) Pursuant to Article 409(3) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development (the 'Trade Specialised Committee') established by Article 8(1), point (j), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement is to establish a list of at least 15 individuals who are willing and able to serve as members of the panel of experts on matters arising under Article 355(3) and Chapters 6, 7 and 8 of Title XI of Heading One of Part Two of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- (3) Each Party should name at least five individuals to serve as members of the panel of experts. The Parties should also name at least five individuals who are not nationals of either Party and who are willing and able to serve as chairperson of a panel of experts.
- (4) The Trade Specialised Committee should ensure that the list is kept up to date and that the number of experts is maintained at a minimum of 15 individuals.
- (5) In accordance with Article 409(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the experts proposed as panellists should have specialised knowledge or expertise in labour or environmental law, other issues addressed in the relevant Chapter or Chapters, or in the resolution of disputes arising under international agreements.
- (6) In addition, the experts proposed as panellists should serve in their individual capacities and not take instructions from any organisation or government with regard to matters related to the dispute. They should not be affiliated with or take instructions from either Party and should not be persons who are members, officials or other servants of the Union institutions, of the Government of a Member State, or of the Government of the United Kingdom.
- (7) On the basis of the proposals of the Union and the United Kingdom, it is appropriate for the Trade Specialised Committee to agree on the two sub-lists for the position of panellist, and on the sub-list for the position of chairperson of the panel of experts,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

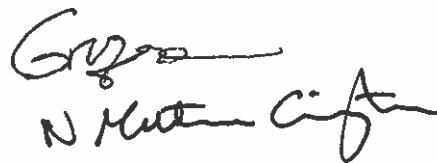
Article 1

The list of individuals willing and able to serve as members of a panel of experts mentioned in Article 409 of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, is set out in the Annex.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Brussels and London, 30 June 2026



N MacEntee Creighton

*For the For the Trade Specialised Committee on
Level Playing Field for Open and Fair
Competition and Sustainable Development
The Co-chairs*

Eva VALLE LAGARES

Camelia Emilia GROZEA

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ANNEX

- (a) sub-list of individuals established on the basis of proposals by the Union;

Giovanna ADINOLFI

Irina BUGA

Maria GAVOUNELI

Ursula KRIEBAUM

Peter-Tobias STOLL

Geert VAN CALSTER

- (b) sub-list of individuals established on the basis of proposals by the United Kingdom;

Juliet BLANCH

Hugh CHEETHAM

Kathleen CLAUSSEN

Patrick PEARSALL

Janet WHITTAKER

(c) sub-list of individuals who should serve as chairperson of the panel of experts

Ujal BHATIA

Zachary DOUGLAS

Eduardo MOTTA

Penelope RIDINGS

Thomas COTTIER

Christine KADDOUS

Anne TREBILCOCK
