



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

CULTURE, TOURISM, EUROPE AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

16th Meeting, 2017 (Session 5)

Thursday 15 June 2017

Present:

Mairi Evans	Ross Greer
Richard Lochhead	Lewis Macdonald (Deputy Convener)
Joan McAlpine (Convener)	Stuart McMillan
Margaret Mitchell (Committee Substitute)	Tavish Scott

Apologies were received from Jackson Carlaw.

The meeting opened at 9.00 am.

1. **Work programme (in private):** The Committee discussed its work programme and agreed to—

Hold an inquiry to monitor and scrutinise the Article 50 withdrawal negotiations and their implications for Scotland; to conduct an inquiry to explore how the UK's immigration policy can best respond to Scotland's demographic and skills needs; to seek Parliamentary Bureau agreement to appoint an adviser on the Article 50 negotiations; and to seek the necessary approvals from the Conveners Group and the Parliamentary Bureau for fact-finding visits to Brussels, Ireland and Northern Ireland.

2. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 4 in private.

3. **International Development:** The Committee took evidence from—

Jane Salmonson, Chief Executive, Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland (NIDOS);

David Hope-Jones, Chief Executive, Scotland Malawi Partnership;

Dr Hazel Gray, Centre of African Studies/Global Development Academy,

University of Edinburgh;

Dr Tanya Wisely, Co-ordinator, International Development Education Association Scotland (IDEAS);

Geraldine Hill, Advocacy Manager, Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF);

Heena Qamar, Charity Development Manager, First Aid Africa;

Professor Jo Sharp, Glasgow Centre for International Development, University of Glasgow.

4. **International Development:** The Committee considered the evidence heard earlier in the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.05 am.

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