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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 [2026/1868]

(only the English text is authentic)

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 part [1] (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) 2021/689 [2] and entered into force on 1 May 2021.

(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.

[1] OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10, ELI: 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 Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 2, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2021/689/oj).

(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.

For the Trade Specialised Committee on Level Playing Field for Open and Fair Competition and Sustainable Development

The Co-chairs

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ANNEX

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