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Due Diligence Statement: All-Party Parliamentary Group for AUKUS (2025–2026)

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1. Summary

1.1 From 16 October 2023 a new rule came into effect prohibiting APPGs from accepting secretariat services that are either provided or funded by a foreign government.

1.2 This statement is being issued in response to due diligence by the Officers of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for AUKUS to ascertain whether the ultimate funder of any benefit to the APPG is a foreign government.

1.3 This statement declares that the APPG for AUKUS is not provided by or funded by a foreign government.

2. The APPG for AUKUS

2.1 The All-Party Parliamentary Group on AUKUS is an informal, cross-party group of MPs and Peers established to raise awareness and understanding of the AUKUS security pact, exploring its defence, economic and technological implications for the UK, and working with government, industry, and experts to assess opportunities and risks.

3. The Secretariat

3.1 Secretariat services are provided to the APPG by the Council on Geostrategy (Company No. 13132479), an independent, UK-registered company limited by guarantee. Staff from the Council on Geostrategy delivering secretariat services include Viktorija Starych-Samuoliene, Luke Baker-Cowling, Luca Hincks, and Ellie Drake.

3.2 Staff of the Council on Geostrategy providing secretariat services are paid employees of the Council on Geostrategy.

3.3 The secretariat services provided by the Council on Geostrategy to the APPG are funded through commercial sponsorship provided to the APPG by UK defence companies (BAE Systems, Babcock International, and Rolls-Royce Submarines).

3.4 No persons involved in the secretariat are funded, directly or indirectly, by a foreign government.

3.5 No persons involved in the secretariat have an online presence that implies links to any foreign governments.

3.6 No persons involved in the secretariat appear elsewhere online that implies links to any foreign governments, now or in the past.

3.7 Companies House checks returned no results that would indicate links to a foreign government.

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4. Officer Due Diligence

4.1 I the undersigned confirm that due diligence has been undertaken to ensure that a foreign government is not the ultimate funder (of any benefit) of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for AUKUS secretariat, as required by the House's approval of the Committee on Standards' report on APPGs coming into effect on 16 October 2023.

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