



International Relations Committee Report: *UK Foreign Policy in a Shifting World Order* Debate on 21 May 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Howell of Guildford to move that this House takes note of the Report from the International Relations Committee *UK foreign policy in a shifting world order* (5th Report, HL Paper 250).

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- House of Lords International Relations Committee, [UK Foreign Policy in a Shifting World Order](#), 18 December 2018, HL Paper 250 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4 and 98–105; and [Government Response](#), 6 March 2019

Summary from the report of the International Relations Committee, and the Government's response to the committee's recommendations. The committee examined the volatility of international relations and suggested how UK foreign policy should address the challenges this presents.

- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, [Delivering Global Britain: FCO Skills](#), 28 November 2018, HC 1254 of session 2017–19, p 3; and [Government Response](#), 8 February 2019

Summary of the Foreign Affairs Committee report, and the Government's response. The committee examined the skills which the FCO requires in order to deliver 'Global Britain' and how it could acquire these skills.

- National Audit Office, [Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Departmental Overview](#), November 2018

Summary of the work of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, including details of its structure and budget and information about Diplomacy 20:20; the department's 'strategic transformation programme' to deliver foreign policy in the 21st century.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- [Debate on 'China: UK Policy'](#), HC Hansard, 7 May 2019, cols 242–63WH
- House of Commons, [Written Question: Diplomatic Service: Training](#), 30 April 2019, 245675

- [Oral Question on 'Transatlantic Alliance'](#), HC Hansard, 26 February 2019, cols 143–5
- [Oral Question on 'UK Soft Power'](#), HC Hansard, 26 February 2019, cols 145–8
- [Oral Question on 'Leaving the EU: Diplomatic Network'](#), HC Hansard, 26 February 2019, cols 155–7
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: EU Common Foreign and Security Policy](#)', 20 February 2019, 220749
- House of Commons, '[Written Question: Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Public Expenditure](#)', 8 February 2019, 215561

Press Articles and Comment

- Dalibor Rohac, '["Global Britain" is a Pipe Dream](#)', *Foreign Policy*, 1 May 2019
- James Landale, '[How Will the UK's Post-Brexit Global Role Look?](#)', BBC News, 25 February 2019
- B Jones and T Taussig, '[Democracy and Disorder: The Struggle for Influence in the New Geopolitics: Executive Summary](#)', Brookings Institute, February 2019
- Thomas Raines, '[UK Foreign Policy: It's All Change](#)', *The World Today*, December 2018
- Luigi Scazzieri, '[How to Think About Britain's Post Brexit Foreign Policy](#)', Centre for European Reform, 5 March 2018

Further Information

- Malcolm Chalmers, '[Which Rules? Why There is No Single "Rules-based International System"](#)', RUSI, 10 April 2019
- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, '[China and the Rules-Based International System](#)', 4 April 2019, HC 612 of session 2017–19
- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, '[Global Britain and India Inquiry](#)', accessed 8 May 2019
- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, '[Global Britain and South America Inquiry](#)', accessed 8 May 2019
- House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee, '[Global Britain: The Future of UK Sanctions Inquiry](#)', accessed 8 May 2019
- House of Lords International Relations Committee, '[The United Nations General Assembly 2018](#)', 27 June 2018, HL Paper 156 of session 2017–19; and '[The NATO Summit 2018](#)', 5 June 2018, HL Paper 143 of session 2017–19
- Council on Foreign Relations, '[British Foreign Policy Post Brexit: Transcript](#)', 4 May 2018

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