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The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to submit its **initial** response to communication AL GBR 5 2025, further to the letter dated 9 May 2025 from the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights; Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights. Please note that a further response will follow.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Special Procedures Branch
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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Response to Special Procedure communications AL GBR 05/2025 of 9 May 2025 sent by the Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, and the Special Rapporteur on the negative impact of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights

Thank you for your letter of 9 May regarding the impact of UK sanctions.

We acknowledge the difficulties [REDACTED] has faced in accessing his funds for medical treatment. A decision has been taken involving imminent future steps which OFSI believes will assist [REDACTED]. OFSI will communicate this to [REDACTED] as soon as possible.

We want to assure you that our sanctions are designed to mitigate adverse and unintended consequences especially, and including, for those not subject to designation. We will respond in full to the issues you raise in this letter as soon as possible.