**ALL-PARTY UK-ISRAEL PARLIAMENTARY GROUP**

**Inaugural Meeting**

 **10th September 2024 – 12:30pm**

Room M, Portcullis House, Parliamentary Estate

**Minutes**

* **Quorum check – Attendees: Bob Blackman MP, Damien Egan MP, Lord Mendelsohn, Lord Roberts of Belgravia, Lord Turnberg, Lord Austin, Baroness Whitaker,**
* **The Chairs reminded the group as to the purpose of the APPG**
* *The APPG works to create a better understanding of Israel and to foster and promote links between the UK and Israel. It unites parliamentarians from across both houses who are proud to be friends of Israel and makes the case for Israel and for UK’s bilateral relationship with the Jewish state. The APPG is cross-party and as such seeks to hold the centre ground and bring colleagues together under the remit of friendship and support for Israel. That does not mean there is a single ‘view’ of the APPG, and discussion is encouraged and welcome.*
* The group confirmed they were content with the *APPG secretariat, provided by Talia Ingleby, who is a Senior Parliamentary Assistant in the House of Lords.*
* **The officers were elected. They stood unopposed and it was unanimous vote.**
* **The group received an update on the Project: October 7th Parliamentary Commission (Chaired by Lord Roberts and Baroness Hodge).**
	+ Talia updated on where project got up to before the APPG was disbanded for the General Election, and the work plan to complete the research for a launch date in the first quarter of 2025.
	+ Lord Roberts shared with the group his thoughts following a visit to Israel to see some of the sites of the 7 October attack.