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Early Day Motions tabled on Wednesday 28 April 2021

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New EDMs

1781 **Statements by Dr Abhijit Sarkar**

Tabled: **28/04/21** Signatories: **1**

Bob Blackman

That this House condemns the Hindu hatred put forward by Dr Abhijit Sarkar; requests that Oxford University take firm action in response to statements made by Dr Abhijit Sarkar to ease the unrest among British Hindus and Indians to ensure that there is no impact on the influx of Indian students who stand as the second largest international student community in the UK; and calls on Oxford University to act against alleged bigotry, to suspend Dr Abhijit Sarkar until their investigation of those serious concerns completes in order to maintain fairness and impartiality and to issue a public statement to restore confidence among students and concerned parents.

1782 **Wylie & Bisset LLP participates in The Kiltwalk for the Jeely Piece Club**

Tabled: **28/04/21** Signatories: **1**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald

That this House congratulates teams from Wylie & Bisset LLP for raising £5,915 for the Jeely Piece Club by participating in The Kiltwalk; praises those teams for covering 777.85 miles as part of that walk; recognises the work of the Jeely Piece Club in Castlemilk, Glasgow, in providing and improving play and learning opportunities for children and families; and thanks all those from Wylie & Bisset LLP for taking part in The Kiltwalk to help raise money for that Glasgow institution that has touched the lives of so many over generations.

1783 Alleged enforced disappearance of political prisoners in BahrainTabled: **28/04/21** Signatories: **1****Layla Moran**

That this House views with concern the reported attack by Bahraini police on political prisoners in Jau Prison on 17 April 2021; notes that reported attack was in response to a sit-in by inmates protesting deteriorating prison conditions and the death of political prisoner Abbas Mallallah; is aware that approximately fifty police officers involved in that incident were led by Captains Ahmed Al-Emadi and Mohamed AbdulHameed; condemns the use of excessive police force, including beating inmates and repeatedly throwing them to the ground face-first during that incident; expresses concern that a number of inmates, including Sayed Alawi Alwadaei and Saeed Abdulemam, sustained injuries during that incident; abhors reports that over 50 inmates have forcibly disappeared following that attack and have since been held incommunicado for 11 days; reminds Bahrain that such mistreatment of prisoners contravenes international law; expresses alarm that victims' families have since that incident been unable to contact relatives or learn of their whereabouts, despite engagement with Bahraini oversight bodies and prison authorities; condemns the Bahraini Ministry of Interior's whitewash of abuses against inmates; further condemns that oversight bodies including Bahrain's Ministry of Interior Ombudsman and the National Institute for Human Rights whitewashed allegations of abuse, blamed victims and failed to investigate those allegations of torture and enforced disappearance in a timely and adequate manner; urges the UK Government to cease providing technical assistance to Bahraini oversight bodies; and calls on the UK Government to publicly condemn the alleged abuse and enforced disappearance of those attack victims.

Added Names

Below are EDMs tabled in the last two weeks to which names have been added. Only the first 6 names and any new names are included.

1736 Reduction in the plug-in grant for low emission vehiclesTabled: **14/04/21** Signatories: **10**

John Nicolson
Jonathan Edwards
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Paula Barker
Allan Dorans

Hywel Williams

That this House commends those that take steps to reduce their carbon footprint; recognises that electric cars are an effective way of reducing carbon emissions and that use of electric cars should be encouraged; and urges the Government to reverse its decision to lower the value of the plug-in vehicle grant from £3000 to £2500.

1745 Salute to pro-democracy campaigners in Hong Kong

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 23

Mr Alistair Carmichael
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Ian Paisley
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Layla Moran

Sammy Wilson

That this House notes with profound disappointment the sentencing to prison of Hong Kong pro-democracy campaigners, including Jimmy Lai; condemns the Chinese government's clamp down on freedom of speech, movement and association in Hong Kong since the introduction of the National Security Law; salutes those arrested, tried and punished by the Chinese communist controlled administration in Hong Kong for championing liberty and democracy; calls on the UK Government to make immediate representations to the Chinese Government on that matter; and urges the early introduction of Magnitsky-style sanctions against Chinese and Hong Kong officials responsible for this gross violation of the principles of the Basic Law and the Joint Sino British Declaration.

1747 Carbon emissions labelling

Tabled: 19/04/21 Signatories: 19

Daisy Cooper
Jim Shannon
Andrew Gwynne
Jonathan Edwards
Layla Moran
Wendy Chamberlain

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Hywel Williams

That this House notes with concern the lack of information available to consumers on the environmental impact of the goods and food products they buy; recognises the growing urgency of the climate emergency facing the planet as a result of carbon emissions; acknowledges that the public would welcome the opportunity to make environmentally informed decisions on their purchases; encourages manufacturers and retailers to collaborate to introduce a standard eco-labelling scheme that would make the carbon footprint of individual products transparent; notes with disappointment that previous plans by major supermarkets to introduce such a system for food have been abandoned; calls on the Government to work with industry to support the introduction of such a nationwide eco-labelling scheme; and further calls on the Government to consider the merits of introducing financial incentives to businesses who adopt eco-labelling to help offset the implementation costs.

1749 Rail to Refuge schemeTabled: **19/04/21** Signatories: **24**

Rosie Cooper
Jim Shannon
Paula Barker
Navendu Mishra
Gavin Newlands
Kim Johnson

Craig Whittaker

That this House celebrates the work of the Rail to Refuge scheme, a joint initiative between rail companies and the Women's Aid Federation of England; commends rail operators for providing free travel to over 1,348 people fleeing domestic abuse including 362 children over five; acknowledges the severe impact of the covid-19 pandemic for many and the particular challenge on those suffering domestic abuse; recognises that scheme's achievements since its conception in April 2020; and urges those who need to flee domestic abuse to use that scheme to gain safety.

1755 Access For All in rural areasTabled: **20/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Tim Farron
Layla Moran
Jamie Stone
Jim Shannon
Mohammad Yasin
John McDonnell

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

That this House recognises the enormous barriers that still exist at many railway stations across the country for people with mobility issues; welcomes the Department for Transport's Access for All scheme to provide funding to make accessibility improvements to railway stations; acknowledges that the scheme's criteria rewards stations with higher footfall and therefore penalise rural areas with often more elderly populations; and calls on the Government to review this criteria so that stations in rural communities are given a fair chance of being selected when the next round of funding is announced in 2024.

1759 Global covid-19 vaccine inequalityTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **21**

Claire Hanna
Colum Eastwood
Jim Shannon
Ben Lake
Caroline Lucas
Jonathan Edwards

Neale Hanvey

Patrick Grady

That this House notes with concern that affluent countries including the UK have bought enough covid-19 vaccines to immunise the population many times over while poorer countries are hindered by industry monopolies that are driving supply shortages and blocking vaccine access; acknowledges the moral and practical necessity to challenge that situation; further notes the limited capacity of the Covax programme as it aims only to vaccinate 20 per cent of the populations of recipient

countries in 2021, meaning that many nations will be waiting until at least 2024 to achieve mass covid-19 immunisation; notes that increased efforts and action are needed urgently to address that situation; adds our voice to that of over 150 former heads of state and Nobel laureates calling for a people's vaccine to end the covid-19 global pandemic; and urges the UK Government to prevent corporate profit from being prioritised in covid-19 vaccine programmes, including by dropping its opposition to a covid-19 vaccine patent waiver thereby helping to eradicate global covid-19 vaccine inequality across the globe, giving poorer nations a chance to fight and be free of the covid-19 virus.

1760 **Queens Park FC Scottish League 2 Champions**

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **11**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Jim Shannon
Margaret Ferrier
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens

Patrick Grady

That this House congratulates Queens Park Football Club, Scotland's oldest team, the players, staff and supporters on the club winning its fifth league title in the club's 154-year history, the Scottish League 2 title; applauds the club in extending its own and the city of Glasgow's proud history of footballing success; and encourages supporters to celebrate safely within the current covid-19 restrictions.

1761 **Cameron Garrett, Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year 2020**

Tabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **6**

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens
Chris Law
Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Cameron Garrett from Lochgilphead in Argyll and Bute on being named Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament of the Year at the Scottish Youth Parliament Awards 2021; commends Cameron on his hard work since being elected a MSYP in 2019; notes his dedication to his role, particularly his commitment to his new role as convenor of the Education and Lifelong Learning committee in the Scottish Youth Parliament; highlights the importance of the Scottish Youth Parliament in encouraging young people to engage with politics and the issues that impact their lives; thanks Cameron for his commitment in representing Argyll and Bute; and wishes Cameron and the Scottish Youth Parliament all the best for the future.

1762 TotsBots 20th anniversaryTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **10**

David Linden
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates TotsBots, a company based in Glasgow East constituency which manufactures environmentally-friendly reusable nappies, on its twentieth anniversary in April 2021; acknowledges how successfully the business has grown over the past two decades since starting at the kitchen table of husband and wife team Magnus and Fiona Smyth in 2001; commends the company on its sustainable credentials and the positive impact it has made by reducing the number of single-use disposable nappies in landfill; and wishes all of the management and staff at TotsBots every success as they move into their third decade in business.

1763 Kintyre Schools Pipe BandTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **9**

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Allan Dorans
Carol Monaghan
Chris Stephens
Chris Law

Neale Hanvey

That this House congratulates Kintyre Schools Pipe Band on securing a highly creditable second place at the 2021 Scottish Schools Freestyle Championships in March 2021, a category of competition that showcases the versatility of the pipes and drums in combination with other musical instruments; notes that the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band competed against 15 other schools from across Scotland in the event organised by the Scottish School's Pipes and Drums Trust; acknowledges that due to covid-19 restrictions the competition was more complicated than usual with the pipers and drummers and the other musicians having to film their individual performances for the judges; thanks everyone involved with the Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands for helping keep the piping tradition alive and thriving in Argyll; and wishes the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band all the very best in future competitions.

1764 Youth Mobility SchemeTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **18**

Sarah Olney
Jim Shannon
John McDonnell
Margaret Ferrier
Mr Virendra Sharma
Jeremy Corbyn

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Munira Wilson

That this House recognises the benefits of the Youth Mobility Scheme which allows young people to live, work and study in the UK for up to 24 months; notes the importance of that scheme to the development of young people's understanding of different countries and cultures; further notes that the scheme stimulates investment in tourist activities and language schools; recognises the scheme further supports the economy by providing a route for prospective Au Pairs to come to the UK from other countries and vice versa, who provide an affordable and flexible childcare solution; acknowledges that the scheme is limited in scope in terms of countries that can take part and number of places available; laments that EU countries are not included in the scheme; and urges the Government to expand the scope of the Youth Mobility Scheme in recognition of the benefits it delivers to young people.

1766 The need for investment in good green jobs across the United KingdomTabled: **21/04/21** Signatories: **31**

Caroline Lucas
Clive Lewis
Wera Hobhouse
Alan Brown
Liz Saville Roberts
Claire Hanna

Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Neale Hanvey

Navendu Mishra

That this house notes the significance of Earth Day; further notes the urgency with which the UK must act to address the climate and nature emergencies; welcomes this government's focus on the job creation potential of a green recovery in its G7 priorities; sees the opportunity for the recovery to create over one million good green jobs where everyone has a role to play from insulating homes to delivering first class public services, replacing jobs lost as a result of the pandemic and 'levelling up'; understands green jobs to include low carbon jobs in care, education and health as well as in industry and infrastructure; welcomes data from Green New Deal UK revealing the potential for a job-rich green recovery in every constituency; calls on the government to significantly increase investment in training and the creation of well-paid, good quality, green jobs; further urges the Government to guarantee a just transition for workers in today's high carbon sectors including oil, gas, steel and aviation; regrets the closure of the Green Homes Grants scheme and urges its reform, refinancing and reinstatement, prioritising local authority-led home retrofit programmes; urges the Government to ensure the remits of the UK Infrastructure Bank and Green Savings Bonds advance a green economy and do not support fossil fuel extraction; and calls on the Government to move towards a wellbeing economy where the number of good green jobs and the wellbeing of people and nature are the primary measures of the health of the nations.

1767 Bahraini children abused and subjected to threats of rape and electric shock

Tabled: **22/04/21** Signatories: **19**

Ian Blackford
Kenny MacAskill
Claire Hanna
Jonathan Edwards
John McDonnell
Tahir Ali

Bell Ribeiro-Addy
 Mick Whitley

Neale Hanvey
 Paula Barker

Navendu Mishra

That this House views with grave concern revelations made by the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy and Human Rights Watch on 10 March 2021 regarding human rights violations against 13 detained children in Bahrain; notes that Husain Abdulrasool, Fares Husain, Mohammed Jafar and Sayed Hasan Ameen were convicted on 11 March 2021 after being tried as adults; raises alarm that three were convicted on the basis of one child's confession extracted under abuse and threats of torture; further notes that two children were detained for protesting against the November 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix; reminds Bahrain that the Convention on the Rights of the Child prohibits detaining children in all but the most exceptional of circumstances; decries that prosecutors and judges enabled abuse and due process violations in these cases; calls upon the Government to apply the Magnisky Act against implicated officials; strongly condemns that children were abused and threatened with sexual assault and electric shocks to coerce their confessions; expresses concern that the Bahraini Ministry of the Interior Ombudsman's investigation whitewashed abuses against children; urges for the halt of British technical assistance to Bahraini oversight bodies; regrets that the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office did not raise those cases immediately; and calls upon the Government to publicly condemn the mistreatment of those children in Bahrain

1769 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster

Tabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **9**

Stewart Malcolm McDonald
Alyn Smith
Allan Dorans
Jonathan Edwards
Alison Thewliss
Martin Docherty-Hughes

Jim Shannon

That this House observes the 35th anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster which took place on the 26 April 1986; remembers the victims of one of the largest man-made disasters in human history and the failed attempts by a totalitarian Soviet government to conceal the truth; acknowledges the immense bravery of those who risked, and in cases sacrificed, their lives to tackle the fire, stabilize the reactor and participate in the clean-up afterwards; praises the courage and dedication of the medical staff who treated the victims of acute radiation sickness; recognises that affected countries and their citizens still continue to deal with the aftermath of that unimaginable catastrophe; and commemorates all those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the worst nuclear disaster in history.

1770 Virtual Kiltwalk 2021Tabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Kirsten Oswald
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady
Jim Shannon

Stewart Hosie

That this House congratulates all those who contributed to the success of Scotland's second Virtual Kiltwalk that took place from 23 to 25 April 2021; commends all those who took on the challenge of raising money for their chosen charity through methods such as walking, running, cycling, and other creative challenges such as trampolining and scavenger hunts; praises the efforts of Kiltwalk organisers who, in 2020, adapted the annual event in response to the covid-19 pandemic to avoid large crowds and to keep within social distancing guidance by supporting volunteers to raise money and do their challenges independently; notes the generous commitment from Sir Tom Hunter and The Hunter Foundation who have pledged to add an extra 50 per cent to everything raised by volunteers; recognises that Kiltwalk has raised £20 million for Scotland's charities in the last five years including £5 million raised through the 2020 Virtual Kiltwalk that was distributed to over 900 charities throughout Scotland during the past very difficult year, and hopes that through the dedication and generosity of organisers, participants and donors the 2021 Virtual Kiltwalk will again contribute much-needed support for the great work of charities in Scotland.

1771 Independent review of General Practice provisionTabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **4**

Daisy Cooper
Munira Wilson
Layla Moran
Jim Shannon

That this House is concerned by the pressures facing GPs and their practices; believes that GP services are under strain and in need of greater funding as is the NHS as a whole; calls for increased funding for GP practices, primary healthcare and the NHS; acknowledges the stresses and difficulties, caused by the UK leaving the EU, facing thousands of EU nationals working in GP practices and the NHS; recognises the Government has not introduced legislation to offer proper protections for the NHS and the UK's healthcare system in future trade deals; recognises the critical importance of the relationship between GPs and their community and that general practice has an important role in building trust with local communities to support effective improvements in health across the wider community; notes the significant expansion of Operose Health, a subsidiary of the US health insurance company Centene, making it the largest provider of NHS GP services in England; calls on the Government to conduct an independent review into expansions of that nature, with the power to make recommendations to ensure the availability and timeliness of patient care free at the point of use, and the protection and use of patient data; further calls on the Government to create a framework for transparency in lobbying to safeguard the integrity of general practice in the NHS system; and reaffirms its commitment to universal health care, available to all in need, in a timely fashion and free at the point of use.

1772 Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 10

Chris Stephens
Marion Fellows
Allan Dorans
Alison Thewliss
Stewart Malcolm McDonald
David Linden

Neale Hanvey

Jim Shannon

That this House supports Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign on behalf of Glasgow Clyde College; notes that Glasgow Clyde College is on a journey towards achieving White Ribbon status and has made available a variety of activities and resources to its students and staff to educate them on the merits of that campaign; recognises that the White Ribbon Scotland campaign has the support of that College's principal, Jon Vincent, and that College's White Ribbon steering group; further notes the importance of the White Ribbon movement with 45 per cent of women in the UK having experience of some form of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking; notes that everyone has an important role to play in helping to end violence against women; and calls on anyone associated with Glasgow Clyde College, or living in the West of Scotland, to sign the White Ribbon Scotland pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent in the face of violence against women, and to make a pledge to the Glasgow Clyde College campaign in its submission process to show support to the Glasgow Clyde College Student Association's White Ribbon Scotland campaign.

1773 Firefighters Memorial Day 2021 (No. 2)

Tabled: 26/04/21 Signatories: 29

Grahame Morris
Jeremy Corbyn
Jon Cruddas
Paula Barker
Kim Johnson
Kate Osborne

Neale Hanvey

Jim Shannon

Margaret Ferrier

That this House joins with firefighters across the United Kingdom on Firefighters Memorial Day in remembering the bravery and sacrifice of over 2,300 firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty; extends its sympathies especially on this memorial day to all the bereaved families of fallen firefighters; acknowledges the good work of the Firefighters Memorial Trust in remembering and honouring all firefighters who have lost their lives while serving humanity and recording their names on the Firefighters Memorial, located close to St Paul's Cathedral in London; applauds the commitment and selfless dedication of all United Kingdom firefighters who stand ready today and every day to risk their lives to save others and protect their local communities from the consequences of fire, floods, terror attacks and numerous other emergency situations; recognises the hard work and dedication of firefighters throughout the pandemic and pays tribute to the firefighters who have lost their lives to Covid.

1774 Matchgirls Strike and Match tax protestsTabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **12**

Nadia Whittome
Ian Lavery
Paula Barker
Alison Thewliss
Ms Diane Abbott
Rebecca Long Bailey

Kate Osborne
 Margaret Ferrier

Jim Shannon

Navendu Mishra

That this House commemorates the Bryant and May workers that on 24 April 1871 protested against a halfpenny tax per box on the sale of matches that was proposed by the Government of the day with a protest march on Parliament which successfully stopped the tax being implemented; further commemorates the Matchgirls who went on strike in 1888 at the Bryant and May factory in Bow in response to poor working conditions; notes that factory workers were expected to work 14 hour days for poor pay in an unsafe working environment due to the exposure of phosphorus which was used to make matches; commends their achievements of scrapping the factory's fine system, setting up a grievance system, abolishing the deductions for working materials and the improvement of health and safety standards; further notes the continued need to advocate for high labour standards; recognises the Matchgirls as pioneers of gender equality and fairness at work who through their strike action and formation of the Union of Women Match Makers left a lasting legacy on the trade union movement; and further notes the names of the Matchgirls on both the Strike and Union Committees were Mary Cummings, Eliza Martin, Louisa Beck, Julia Gambleton, Jane Wakeling, Jane Staines, Eliza Price, Mary Naulls, Kate Sclater, Ellen Johnson, Sarah Chapman, Mary Driscoll and Alice Francis.

1775 Campaign for a 15 per cent pay rise for all healthcare workersTabled: **26/04/21** Signatories: **23**

Jon Trickett
Claudia Webbe
Ian Lavery
Ian Mearns
Kate Osborne
Bell Ribeiro-Addy

Mick Whitley
 Clive Lewis

Navendu Mishra

Grahame Morris

That this House expresses dismay at the Government's offer of a derisory one per cent pay rise to healthcare workers announced in the Budget on 3 March; notes that NHS workers have suffered real terms pay cuts of up to 30 per cent since 2010; recognises the heroic efforts of healthcare workers who have been on the frontline throughout the pandemic and have put their own health at risk in order to help others; remembers the more than 1000 healthcare workers who have died from COVID-19; believes the proposed one per cent pay rise is an insult to healthcare workers and that their service to the nation should be acknowledged with more than just a clap; recognises that anything less than a five per cent pay rise is in effect a real terms cut; welcomes the Every Doctor and Nurses United UK campaign for a fair deal for healthcare workers; and calls on the Government to give all healthcare workers a 15 per cent pay increase.

1776 Killing of Coptic Christian Nabil Habashy Salama by Daesh in Egypt's northern Sinai

Tabled: **27/04/21** Signatories: **3**

Jim Shannon
John Spellar
Margaret Ferrier

That this House strongly condemns the killing of Coptic Christian, Nabil Habashy Salama by Daesh in Egypt's northern Sinai; deplores the threats issued by Daesh to the Christians of Egypt; expresses alarm at the violence and intimidation faced by the largest Christian community in the Arab world for peacefully practising their religion; calls on the UK Government to urgently engage with its Egyptian counterparts to discuss how the UK can support the protection of religious and belief minorities in Egypt; and also calls on the Egyptian Government to continue protecting all its citizens' and their rights to freedom of religion or belief, particularly during this holy week ahead of the Christian Orthodox Easter celebrations on Sunday 2 May 2021.

1777 World Meningitis Day

Tabled: **27/04/21** Signatories: **7**

Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Bob Blackman
Paula Barker
Alison Thewliss
Margaret Ferrier

Sir Mike Penning

That this House notes World Meningitis Day which was celebrated on 24 April; highlights that the World Health Organization approved the first ever global roadmap in an attempt to defeat meningitis by 2030; notes that despite the production of five different vaccines and the fact that eradicating that awful disease is getting closer, it is still expected that 8000 people will lose their life to meningitis in 2021; and calls on the Government to clarify what steps will be taken to fund research and support survivors of meningitis and further raise awareness of the symptoms of meningitis in its work to defeat meningitis in the UK.

1778 Misuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture

Tabled: **27/04/21** Signatories: **3**

Dr Lisa Cameron
Neale Hanvey
Margaret Ferrier

That this House draws attention to the routine use of antibiotics on healthy farm animals in the UK and around the world in order to compensate for diseases, stress and injuries sustained while being held in sub-standard, overcrowded or confined farming conditions; highlights the potential for antibiotic resistance out of the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in animal agriculture and the formation of antibiotic resistance genes and bacteria which can pass antibiotic resistance across generations and between species; notes with concern the easy transmission of that resistance into human food chains and the possibility that such resistance could lead to widespread diseases through both human and animal populations around the world if it is not addressed; and calls on the Government to act on the recommendations of the 2018 Health and Social Care Committee

report on Antimicrobial resistance and to take stronger action against such overuse given the WHO's recommendation against the use of antibiotics as a way of preventing disease in healthy animals.

1779 Trial of HDP Leaders in Turkey

Tabled: 27/04/21 Signatories: 4

Alyn Smith
Jim Shannon
John Spellar
Jonathan Edwards

That this House regrets the erosion of democracy which has taken place under President Erdogan in recent years amid the arrests of elected politicians and party activists; notes its concern at recent reports that lawyers defending HDP politicians against charges which include attacking the integrity of the state have been denied access to the courtroom on arbitrary and unlawful grounds; further notes that the European Court of Human Rights has ruled that the pre-trial detention of Selahattin Demirtaş and other Turkish citizens is unlawful and calls for their immediate release; recognises that the arrest of HDP parliamentarians is also an attack on the democratic rights of more than six million citizens of Turkey who voted for those parliamentarians; commends the work being done by the HDP in attempting democratic steps towards a peaceful resolution to the Kurdish question; and calls for the immediate release of those arrested and for the restoration of full democratic and civil rights for all people in Turkey.

1780 Aid to the Church in Need's Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021

Tabled: 27/04/21 Signatories: 8

Brendan O'Hara
Jim Shannon
Neale Hanvey
Bob Blackman
Alison Thewliss
Patrick Grady

Margaret Ferrier

Marion Fellows

That this Houses welcomes the release of Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)'s Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021 which unfortunately shows that persecution and discrimination against people of faith is commonplace in 62 countries worldwide, often in the most populated nations such as China, India and Pakistan; notes with deep regret that report's revelation that attacks on people of faith has increased in 95 per cent of the world's worst-offending countries since the previous report in that series was published in 2018, and that many oppressive regimes have been using the coronavirus pandemic in order to discriminate against minority faith groups when distributing vital medical aid and food supplies; calls on the UK Government to take religious persecution more into account when considering asylum claims, such as in the case of Maira Shahbaz, who was abducted at the age of 14, forced to convert to Islam and marry her abductor, and who is now facing death threats following her escape in Pakistan; acknowledges the immense amount of work that has gone into compiling the extremely detailed and wide ranging Religious Freedom in the World Report 2021; commends all of those contributors from around the world who contributed to that report, often while working in dangerous and hostile environments; and sincerely thanks Aid to the Church in Need for its invaluable contribution and continued commitment to highlighting human rights violations against members of all faith communities wherever they occur in the world.