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The Government's policy on the use of drones for targeted killing

Speakers:

Rt Hon Harriet Harman MP

Chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights

Professor Philippe Sands QC

Professor of International Law, University College London

Jennifer Gibson

Staff Attorney, Reprieve

5.00pm, Wednesday 25 May 2016
Committee Room 17, Palace of Westminster

The recent report of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, 'The Government's policy on the use of drones for targeted killing', found that 'although the Government says that it does not have a "targeted killing policy", it is clear that the Government does have a policy to use lethal force abroad outside armed conflict for counter-terrorism purposes.' It also found that 'the Government's position that the Law of War applies to the use of lethal force abroad outside armed conflict, and that compliance with the Law of War satisfies any obligations which apply under human rights law, is based on a misconception about the legal frameworks that apply.' This invites urgent clarification to ensure that the UK complies with the rule of law and remains a positive influence abroad.

The APPG on Drones is pleased to host an expert briefing meeting to consider the implications of the key findings and recommendations in the report. The panel will be invited to comment on outstanding questions concerning the new policy: the risks to UK personnel; how the Government could improve aspects of transparency and accountability for the policy; and how the UK might then lead international initiatives to build consensus about the use of lethal force in counter-terrorism operations abroad. The APPG will hold its AGM at 6pm following the meeting.

Chair: Rt Hon David Davis MP

All Members of both Houses and their staff are welcome to attend