



NOTICE OF DETERMINATION
CHANGE IN RECOGNISED LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE
MODULE 5 - FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

1. On 11 December 2023, I designated the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs (“FCDO”) as a Core Participant in Module 5. At the same time, I designated Lesley Paton of the Government Legal Department as FCDO’s recognised legal representative in Module 5.

2. On 11 March 2025, the Inquiry was informed that Hannah Wilkens of the Government Legal Department would be replacing Lesley Paton as the FCDO’s qualified lawyer in relation to Module 5.

3. Accordingly, as I am satisfied that the FCDO has appointed Hannah Wilkens as its qualified lawyer, I designate Ms Wilkens as its recognised legal representative in Module 5 in accordance with Rule 6(1) of the Inquiry Rules 2006.

Rt Hon Baroness (Heather) Hallett DBE
Chair of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry
24 March 2025