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Dear Ms Gamble,

Thank you for getting touch and to the All Party Parliamentary Group for bringing this letter to my attention.

I recognise and sympathise with the immensely difficult position all British nationals with surrogacy arrangements are in, given the current situation in Ukraine, and have received regular updates on the issues and challenges they are facing.

I wish to assure you that the FCDO, in conjunction with the Home Office, is doing everything possible to support British nationals with surrogacy arrangements in Ukraine. We are working closely with individual families who have contacted us to discuss their travel plans, and offer support where we can – for example to fast track travel documents for the new born baby and to meet the families once they have crossed the border out of Ukraine. We are also in close contact with a number of countries who have citizens in similar situations.

Given the grave and dynamic situation on the ground, we are asking all commissioning parents to contact us. We would welcome your support to encourage the commissioning parents to contact us on 01908 51 6666 so that we can discuss the options for helping them as they make arrangements for their babies to come out of Ukraine.

We recognise the particularly challenging scenarios faced by surrogate mothers and the desire of commissioning parents to travel into Ukraine to support them and their unborn children. The FCDO advises against all travel to Ukraine due to the deteriorating security situation. The Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office cannot facilitate inward travel, or provide evacuation for those in Ukraine. We have, however, improved our capacity to support departures from outside Ukraine, including through the exceptional provision of travel documentation. We are working on a case-by-case basis with each family to reflect different due dates and the dynamic situation.

I welcome the provisions made by the Home Secretary for Ukrainian Surrogate Mothers, and their immediate family members, to be given permission to come to the UK based on their exceptional circumstances by granting entry visas outside the Immigration Rules. The surrogate mother, where the child is not yet born, and her immediate family will be able to enter the UK for a period of up to 36 months and will have access to public funds and employment. They will not be subject to any fees, an application fee, or the Immigration Health Surcharge.



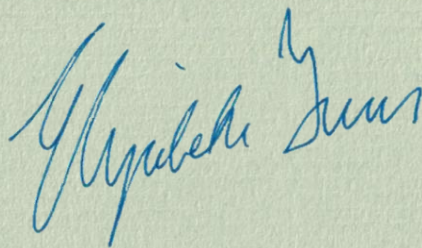
The FCDO continues to work with the Home Office in instances where a child has already been born and where the British nationality status of the child may still not be fully resolved. In such circumstances, the Home Office will establish a clear process for resolving this in the UK, to ensure the child can enter the UK using an immigration visa on the basis of such nationality as he or she may hold.

I am aware of the benefits of having a single point of contact in the FCDO for families with surrogacy arrangements, and as well as individuals contacting us on the above number, you can direct correspondence to the below email address.

[CCT.Europe@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:CCT.Europe@fcdo.gov.uk)

I understand you are already in touch with our expert team and I hope to continue our collaborative approach to this difficult situation as we seek to assist all British National's with surrogacy arrangements in Ukraine.

Yours sincerely,

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**RT HON ELIZABETH TRUSS MP**  
**FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY**