1. The Withdrawal Agreement does not regulate charges for consular services. A call charge of 0.69 GBP per minute for consular services provided to Spanish nationals does not violate the Withdrawal Agreement.

This conclusion is not invalidated by Article 12 of the Withdrawal Agreement, which prohibits discrimination on grounds of nationality in the host State and the State of work within the material scope of the Withdrawal Agreement in respect of beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement.

The principle of equal treatment applies only inside the host State or State of work between beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement and own nationals. In the context of the issue raised by the Honourable Member, this means that the United Kingdom (UK) must treat Spanish nationals, who are beneficiaries of the Withdrawal Agreement, in the same way as it treats UK nationals. The principle of equal treatment does not, however, apply in comparison between different host States or States of work and therefore, does not mean that the UK must treat Spanish nationals in the same way as Spain treats UK nationals.

2. The Commission has no plans to check charges for consular services in other Member States.