RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

As you are aware, the post of Chair of the Judicial Appointments Commission is a role subject to pre-appointment scrutiny by the Justice Committee.

I am writing to inform you that Her Majesty has re-appointed Lord Ajay Kakkar as Chair for a second term of three years. The new appointment will take effect when his current term ends on 2 October 2019. Retaining Lord Kakkar’s services will enable him to continue to drive forward the important work on the judicial diversity agenda.

Lord Kakkar was first appointed JAC Chairman on 3 October 2016. He is Professor of Surgery, University College London, Chairman of University College London Partners Academic Health Science Partnership. Lord Kakkar was created a Life Peer in 2010 and sits on the cross benches of the House of Lords. He served as Chairman of the House of Lords Appointments Commission from 2013 to 2018, and was appointed a member of the Privy Council in December 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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