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Dear Sir William,

**INVITATION TO GIVE EVIDENCE TO THE EUROPEAN SCUTINY COMMITTEE**

Thank you for your invitation to present evidence to the Committee. As you know, my appearance at any Select Committee is with the Prime Minister's permission. You will also be aware that I have been asked to appear before the Committee on Exiting the European Union within the same time frame.

2. I have consulted the Prime Minister who in turn has consulted the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union. Given the relevance of its remit to my current role, the Prime Minister is of the view that the Committee on Exiting the European Union would be the most appropriate Committee for me to appear before. I will therefore be attending alongside the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union at his next scheduled appearance, after the June European Council on 4 July 2018.

3. I take very seriously the role and responsibility of Parliament in scrutinising the negotiations and would like to apologise for the delay responding to both your letter of 17 May and to the initial request made by the Clerk of the Committee. I am copying this letter to the Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU and Sir Jeremy Heywood.

**OLIVER ROBBINS**