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Dear Foreign Secretary,

I am writing in response to your letter dated 4 December 2018. The Foreign Affairs Committee appreciates you following up as requested following your appearance before the Committee on 31 October.

In your letter responding to questions regarding the Sanctions and Money Laundering Act 2018 you clarify that "In the event of a deal, during the Implementation Period, we will continue to be bound by EU sanctions. There will therefore, be some limitations on the measures that we can impose autonomously."

This appears to give considerably more scope for the UK to take action than your comments at the session, when you told us that "because trade policy is currently under the purview of the EU, we cannot do economic sanctions until we have left the EU and indeed, if there is a transition period, the end of the transition period, because we are still subject to EU rules during that period."

We ask that you set out for us, in detail, the specific limitations on the measures we can impose during a transition period, and list the types of measures that the UK will be able to take autonomously.

We will be placing this letter and your response in the public domain.

Tom Tugendhat MP
Chair