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From Dr Hywel Francis MP, Chair

The Rt Hon Theresa May MP,
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Dear Theresa

EU police and criminal justice opt-out

In light of your announcement on 15 October of the Government's intention to opt out of all pre-Lisbon Treaty police and criminal justice measures, my Committee would be grateful to receive a detailed memorandum from you setting out the Government's assessment of the human rights impact of such an opt out, including any impact on the UK's positive obligations under international human rights treaties to protect the public from crime and to assist the victims of crime.

The Committee would be grateful to receive this detailed assessment in sufficient time to give it the opportunity to subject it to proper scrutiny and to report on it in advance of the proposed vote in both Houses.

I look forward to your response.

*Yours
Hywel*

**Dr Hywel Francis
Chair**