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Dear Michael

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Thank you for your letter of 19 July and for the invitation to appear before your Committee.

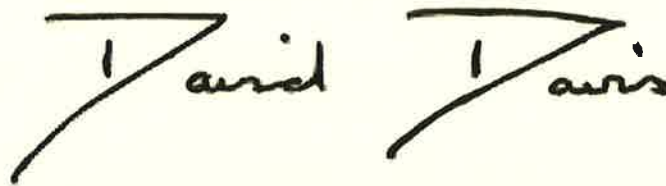
As you know I am committed to supporting the work of your Committee and I was glad to have the opportunity to give evidence on 11 July. I am keen to ensure that MPs and peers are kept updated throughout the process of our exit from the EU in order that Parliament can fulfil its rightful scrutiny function.

Given that your invitation falls during summer recess, regretfully I will not be giving oral evidence on that occasion. However I would be happy to appear before your Committee while the House is sitting in October following the fourth and fifth rounds of negotiations.

As I said in my recent evidence session, I will be making an oral statement when the House returns after summer recess to update Parliament about the second and the third rounds of the negotiations. I will set out plans to update Parliament on subsequent rounds of the negotiations in due course.

In relation to question 6, as I said during the evidence session the sharing of sensitive documents is a matter I am considering very carefully, and I would be happy to provide an update on this at my next appearance before your Committee.

In relation to question 12, these negotiations are a cross-government exercise and to reflect this the UK negotiation team pulls together officials from across HM Government. For the negotiation round in July over 90 officials travelled Brussels to support the negotiations. You may wish to see the information my department has released about the UK's negotiating team on gov.uk, including biographies.

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**RT HON DAVID DAVIS**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXITING THE EUROPEAN UNION**