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Dear Mr Lidington and Mr Walker

**Scrutiny of Brexit-related JMC and other fora**

The House of Lords European Union Select Committee has taken a close interest in the implications of Brexit for the UK’s various internal and external constitutional relationships. The Committee has published reports on *Brexit: Gibraltar*, in March 2017, *Brexit: the Crown Dependencies*, also in March 2017, and on *Brexit: devolution*, in July 2017. Also in July 2017, the Committee held an evidence session with the Premiers and Chief Ministers of a number of the Overseas Territories, leading to the publication of a substantive letter to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union in September 2017. The Committee has followed up each of these inquiries in the months since these reports were published, including through visits, evidence sessions and correspondence.

In our inquiries, we have welcomed the establishment of the following fora to consider the implications of Brexit in each of these cases:

- Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) (JMC (EN)), with the devolved administrations
- Joint Ministerial Council (Gibraltar EU Negotiations)
- Joint Ministerial Council for the Overseas Territories on EU Negotiations (JMC-OT EN)
- Quarterly meetings with the Chief Ministers of the Crown Dependencies

In order to allow us to scrutinise developments in each of these fields as the Brexit negotiations progress, I am writing to you as the Chairs of these various fora to request that you correspond with the Committee after each relevant meeting, and at any appropriate moment in between, to provide us with an update on discussions and on progress that has been made in resolving Brexit-related issues affecting each of these territories.

I would be grateful for a reply by 1 May 2018 indicating if you will be willing to accede to this request.
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Chairman of the European Union Committee