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Dear Mr Lidington and Mr Walker,

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

Thank you for your letter, dated 24 May 2018, in response to our letter of 18 April requesting a written update after each meeting of the various Brexit-related JMC and other fora with the devolved administrations, the Crown Dependencies, the Government of Gibraltar and the other Overseas Territories.

We are grateful to you for your positive response to our request and for the update that you provide. We note in particular the creation of a new Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) to enable the devolved administrations to contribute to the development of the UK negotiating line in advance of negotiations with the EU in areas which intersect with the devolution settlements or have a significant impact on the devolved nations. Can you explain how this new forum will interact with the JMC (EN)? Will the two mechanisms continue in parallel, and if so, how will they relate to one another? How often will the new forum meet? We understand that the forum met for the first time on 24 May. Can you provide an account of its discussions? Can you also commit to providing the Committee with an update on its deliberations after each meeting, as well as the other fora outlined in our previous correspondence?

We would be grateful for a response to our questions, as well as an update on the 14 June meeting of the JMC-OT EN, by 28 June 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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