



HOUSE OF LORDS

Terms of reference of the European Union Committee

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The European Union Committee is appointed each session with the following terms of reference:

“(1) To consider European Union documents deposited in the House by a Minister, and other matters relating to the European Union;

The expression ‘European Union document’ includes in particular:

- (a) a document submitted by an institution of the European Union to another institution and put by either into the public domain;
- (b) a draft legislative act or a proposal for amendment of such an act; and
- (c) a draft decision relating to the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union under Title V of the Treaty on European Union;

The Committee may waive the requirement to deposit a document, or class of documents, by agreement with the European Scrutiny Committee of the House of Commons;

(2) To assist the House in relation to the procedure for the submission of Reasoned Opinions under Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union and the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;

(3) To represent the House as appropriate in interparliamentary cooperation within the European Union.”