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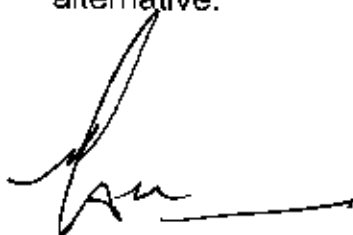
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D Rhodri

Thank you for your letter of 21 October, inviting me to give formal evidence at the National Assembly for Wales' European and External Affairs Committee: Inquiry into Future of Cohesion Policy hearing, to take place on either the 9 or 23 November. I am replying given my responsibility for Structural Funds policy in the United Kingdom.

I regret that I am unable to participate on this occasion. However senior BIS officials would be available to take part on my behalf via videoconference. If this is agreeable, I shall ask my officials to liaise with your office with regard to making arrangements for the dates suggested in your letter or a suitable alternative.



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