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*Dear David,*

**COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS NOMINATIONS**

As agreed during my attendance at the meeting of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on 30 April 2018, I am writing to update you on the status of the nominations to the Committee of the Regions (CoR).

I am aware that the process for approving the CoR nominations has taken significantly longer than expected and am conscious of the impact of not having a full UK delegation participating on the Committee. At the time of writing this letter the nominations are being reviewed and I anticipate substantial progress will be made relatively soon. I would like to reassure you that I am committed to ensuring the nominations are confirmed at the earliest possible opportunity and have asked officials within my Department to provide whatever assistance they can to enable this to happen.

As you will be aware, the new nominees were unfortunately not confirmed prior to the May plenary and will therefore be unable to participate. While I can not say with absolute certainty, I am confident the process will be completed in advance of the July plenary.

*yours,*  


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