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6782/20 Commission Communication — A New Industrial Strategy for Europe (41129)

We have considered your Explanatory Memorandum and Supplementary Explanatory Memorandum on the above document.

We note the issues that you have identified of potential future interest to the UK as well as a number of areas where policies in the Strategy intersect with the UK's obligations under the Northern Ireland Protocol. We concur with your assessment in all of those cases, but would also welcome your view on the potential relevance to the UK of the following initiatives:

- re-inforcement of customs controls;
- a Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability; and
- an EU Strategy on Offshore Renewable Energy.

As some of the policy following from this Strategy may affect the UK in the future, we ask that you confirm whether or not the Government intends to engage with the EU institutions on the further development of those policies.

We would welcome a response to this letter by 20 August 2020.

I am copying this letter to Rt Hon. Hilary Benn MP, Chair of the Future Relationship on the EU Committee and Gordon Clarke, Clerk of the Committee; Darren Jones MP, Chair of the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Committee and Rebecca Davies, Clerk of the Committee; Simon Hoare MP, Clerk of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Nicholas Beech, Clerk of the Committee; Lord Kinnoull, Chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee, and Chris Johnson, Clerk of the Committee; Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the European Union; and the EU scrutiny team in your Department.

CHAIR