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Dear Lord Kinnoull,

UK PROPOSALS FOR AN AMENDED PROTOCOL ON IRELAND/NORTHERN IRELAND

Firstly, please accept my congratulations on your appointment as Chairman of the European Union Committee. Thank you for your letter of 4 October.

We are working with energy and determination to get the right deal with the EU and are meeting regularly with the Commission and EU Member States to discuss how best to achieve this. As you will be aware, the Prime Minister had detailed and constructive talks with the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on 10 October, and I spoke to Michel Barnier on Friday. Following this, the Prime Minister's Europe Advisor David Frost and UK officials have been holding intensive discussions with the Commission on the matter of a revised Protocol. These discussions will continue at pace in advance of European Council later this week.

Given that discussions on these matters are ongoing at present, I propose to write to you shortly to provide more information in response to your questions.



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