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Dear James,

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2019, updating the European Union Committee on the Government's ongoing programme to transition existing EU-Third Country international agreements. The House of Lords European Union Select Committee considered this document at its meeting on 21 October 2019.

We are pleased to see that good progress has been made and that a significant number of the agreements have now completed the parliamentary scrutiny process that we have put in place.

We note, however, that there remain a number of bilateral and multilateral agreements which are not expected to be in place by 31 October 2019. These include agreements relating to fisheries; certain organic equivalence agreements; and certain enhanced partnership and co-operation agreements with third countries.

Please could you provide us with your assessment of the impact of these agreements not being in place on 31 October 2019, should the UK leave the EU on that date. We would also ask you to provide us with details of any measures that have been put in place to mitigate any risks arising.

We would be grateful for a response to this letter by 29 October 2019.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Kinnoull  
Chair of the European Union Committee