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Dear Baroness Andrews,

Thank you for your letter of 2 February in which you provided the Committee's comments on the Provisional Common Framework for Company Law. I want to update further on our response to this.

Thank you again for the Committee's feedback on the agreement text. Our Department has been reviewing the Committee's comments and we have reached out to our Northern Ireland counterparts to discuss them. The Common Framework is also subject to scrutiny from the Stormont Assembly and officials in Northern Ireland are reviewing any corresponding recommendations that arise from this process.

The Common Framework is subject to the Northern Ireland Executive's approval. Whilst we are in an interim period for formation of a new Executive, it is not possible to agree a final version of the Framework with counterparts in Northern Ireland, and therefore I am unable to provide you with a definitive response to the Committee's comments. I hope very much that this will be resolved soon to enable us to take this issue forward. I am sorry for the continuing delay. In the meantime, I hope this update is helpful.

Lord Callanan