



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for the Executive Office

Lord Kinnoull
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House of Lords
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Dear Lord Kinnoull

At its meeting on 19 February 2020, the NI Assembly Committee for the Executive Office agreed to respond to your correspondence dated 12 February 2020, asking for the Committee's views on the European Commission's 3 February 2020 Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a new partnership with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, together with the UK Government's Written Ministerial Statement on UK/EU relations of the same date.

As you will be aware, the NI Assembly resumed operation in January 2020, with the first meeting of the Committee for the Executive Office on 29 January 2020. Since then, the Committee has been receiving overview briefings on the entire work of The Executive Office and has not yet gone into any significant detail on Brexit issues, although it will do over coming months.

The Committee is therefore not in a position at this time to provide you with its views on the matters mentioned. However, I would like to put on record that the Committee is grateful for the engagement and looks forward to further dialogue in the future.

Yours sincerely

Colin McGrath MLA
Chairperson, Committee for the Executive Office