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The Rt. Hon. Dominic Raab MP
First Secretary of State and Secretary of State for
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Dear Dominic,

UK sanctions regime

Thank you for your letter dated 30 July 2020, in reply to our request that your department should write to the International Relations and Defence Committee (IRDC) when new statutory instruments on sanctions are laid, setting out the background to the measures.

Your letter said that the Government would not have time to write to interested parliamentarians each time a statutory instrument is laid. We understand the pressures of the Government's legislative programme, and that it may not be possible to write to all parliamentarians in this manner on every statutory instrument. However, the IRDC is the committee appointed by the House to scrutinise the UK's international relations and defence policy. Its members have a particular interest in, and expertise on, sanctions. As such, we hope to play a constructive role in the new scrutiny process in the House of Lords, following the UK's departure from the EU. We think that our request is reasonable, and ask that you give it further consideration.

Yours, as ever

Baroness Anelay of St Johns
Chair, International Relations and Defence Committee