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By email

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Dear Lindsay,

I write regarding inter-parliamentary relations between the UK Parliament and the European Parliament.

As I made clear in my appearances before both the Commons Committee on the Future Relationship with the EU and the Lords EU Committee in May, I am in favour of parliamentarians working together, and encourage inter-parliamentary dialogue.

I have noted the recent correspondence on this issue, including from the chairs of the above EU select committees and the letter of 29 July from the Lords Speaker, and have carefully considered what they have suggested.

I am therefore happy to confirm that in negotiations with the EU we will seek to include provision that would allow for inter-parliamentary dialogue, recognising your position that much of the detail of its operation is properly a matter for Parliament and can follow later, if this reflects the view of Parliament.

I am copying this letter to the Speaker of the House of Lords, the Leaders of both Houses, Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP and Lord Kinnoull.

**With every good wish,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gove".

**Rt Hon Michael Gove MP  
Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster  
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