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Dear Hilary and Charles,

Thank you for your letter of 21 July, updating me on interparliamentary relationships with the European Parliaments and setting out your proposals for the next year. I note you have made similar representations to the Government.

I hope that the United Kingdom, having ceased to be a Member State of the European Union on the 31st January, can maintain good relations with our interlocutors in EU national Parliaments, particularly during the coming months, which will be critical for both UK-EU relations and in shaping our responses to the global pandemic.

I have recently sent a letter to the President of the Bundestag, Dr Wolfgang Schauble, and the President of the Bundesrat, Dr Dietmar Woidke, asking they consider extending an invitation to the House of Commons for their interparliamentary meetings and conferences, which I hope they will look upon favourably.

Yours sincerely,

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Speaker of the House of Commons

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Chair, European Union Committee