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Thank you for your letter of Tuesday 21 July updating me on your proposals for the future of interparliamentary relations with the European Parliament.

I hope that the Government will engage properly and positively with these proposals, particularly in respect of the inclusion of interparliamentary relations into the broader framework of negotiations and any formal agreement with the European Union. As you say, much of the detail can be agreed between both Houses and the European Parliament at a later stage.

I have recently sent a letter to both Speakers of the German Parliament suggesting that invitations to this year's round of parliamentary meetings under the German presidency, typically attended by committee chairs and committee members, would be of mutual benefit. I hope that this will be accepted, and that our parliamentarians' participation will be an opportunity for the continuation of the UK-EU inter-parliamentary dialogue until the establishment of the new institutional framework.

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