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From: Sir William Cash MP

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Dear Prime Minister

I write to request your attendance before my Committee on 14 March 2023 to give evidence on the Northern Ireland Protocol and the Windsor Framework. Given the significance of recent developments and your role in the negotiation and presentation of the Windsor Framework, we think it appropriate that you appear in person to answer the Committee's questions. We would be happy for a Minister or senior officials to appear alongside you.

As you will be aware, the draft Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee Decision published on Monday would be a depositable document under my Committee's revised EU scrutiny arrangements, and would be formally considered by us before we report our assessment of its legal and political importance to the House.¹ We believe it necessary to hear evidence from you on the draft Decision—and related matters—before we make our Report and before the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee meets.

My Committee's secretariat are on hand to make arrangements for your appearance and answer any questions your officials may have.

We request a reply to this invitation by Tuesday 7 March.

With every best wish



CHAIR

¹ DRAFT DECISION No /2023 OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY THE AGREEMENT ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY of XX 2023 XXX laying down arrangements relating to the Windsor Framework; and European Scrutiny Committee, [‘Revised EU Scrutiny Arrangements’](#), First Special Report (2022-23) HC 721 (18 October 2022)