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Dear Home Secretary,

Thank you for your letter dated 17 November 2020, which was considered by the EU Security and Justice Sub-Committee at its meeting of 24 November.

We welcome your confirmation that, on the question of UK-French collaboration to address the serious matter of migrant Channel crossings, "... negotiations with the [French] Interior Ministry continue to proceed positively" and the Government expects to conclude "... four separate Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) in the coming weeks."

We look forward to considering the details of those memoranda and note your statement that "Parliament will be informed of the content of these arrangements in the usual way."

We are also grateful for the additional information you provided regarding the UK's offer of support to the French authorities following the tragic deaths of several migrants in the incident off the French coast on 27 October 2020.

I am copying this letter to Lord Kinnoull, Chair Lords EU Select Committee; Sir William Cash, Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the European Scrutiny Committee; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office and Laura Evans and Amy Younger, Home Office.

Yours sincerely

Lord Ricketts

Chair of the EU Security and Justice Sub-Committee