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Prüm II: the search and exchange of data for police cooperation

The Committee considered your Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the above proposal at our meeting of 8 May 2024. We recognise that the Government continues to assess whether it will participate in Prüm II, and its decision will be influenced by further information on how Prüm II will be implemented.

We therefore request that the Government updates us on its final decision as to whether to participate in Prüm II before it becomes operational. If the Government decides to participate in Prüm II, we request that you provide an Explanatory Memorandum on this decision and its implications for the UK as laid out in the Committee's correspondence to the Security Minister [dated 23 June 2023](#).

In addition, we request that you update the Committee on the impact Prüm II will have on the UK/EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement in a timely fashion, as laid out in the above referenced correspondence.

We look forward to further information from you in the future.

I am copying this letter to Lord Ricketts, Chair of the House of Lords European Affairs Committee, and to Jarek Wisniewski, that Committee's Clerk; to the Parliamentary Scrutiny team in your Department; and to Les Saunders in the FCDO.

CHAIR