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Dear Minister,

ANIMAL WELFARE (LIVESTOCK EXPORTS) BILL

Thank you for your letter, dated 7 May 2024, on the Animal Welfare (Livestock Exports) Bill. The House of Lords Sub-Committee on the Windsor Framework considered this document at its meeting on 15 May 2024.

We wish to put on record our dissatisfaction that this letter arrived on 7 May 2024, leaving the Sub-Committee very little time to take account of the Government's response prior to Report Stage of the Bill which took place the following day on 8 May 2024.

While we note that this Bill has now completed its remaining stages and has received Royal Assent, in future we would be grateful for a more timely response to any questions we raise on items of UK legislation falling within our remit which will, in turn, enable the Sub-Committee to fulfil its scrutiny obligations to the House.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, George Wilson, Clerk of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Rt Hon Sir Robert Buckland MP, Chair of the Commons Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Les Saunders, EU Document Scrutiny Manager, Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office; John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; and Tom Elliott MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly Committee for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair of the Sub-Committee on the Windsor Framework