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Dear Minister,

Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the automated search and exchange of data for police cooperation, and amending Council Decisions 2008/615/JHA and 2008/616/JHA and Regulations (EU) 2018/1726, (EU) 2019/817 and (EU) 2019/818 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Prüm II Regulation).

The previous Security Minister wrote to us on this issue on 16 May 2024, responding to a letter from the Committee of 2 May 2024.

The calling of the General Election on 22 May 2024 has led to an inevitable delay in our following up this correspondence. It was considered by the European Affairs Committee at its meeting of 10 September 2024. We have decided to retain our interest in this matter.

We note that the Government has expressed a desire to explore a wider defence and security agreement with the EU which will inevitably overlap with any discussion concerning the impact of the EU's decision to reform the operation of Prüm on the UK's future participation in these data sharing arrangements. We would therefore welcome an early opportunity to discuss this matter directly with the relevant Minister and note that our officials have already been in contact to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We do not expect a response to this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Ricketts

Chair of the European Affairs Committee