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Dear Emily,

Thank you for your letter of 4 September in response to mine about the Agreement between the UK and France on the Prevention of Dangerous Journeys, and for your understanding of the urgency and reasons for expediting ratification. My apologies for the delay in replying.

The final decision about Parliamentary process was not made until after the Treaty was signed. Even though Parliament was in recess, we made every effort to provide timely information to Parliamentarians, including laying and publishing the Treaty and sending letters explaining both the policy and the process.

Nevertheless, I note your request that the Committee be informed before ratification on the rare occasions that Section 22 of CRAG is used, and I will certainly take that into account in future.

I note, too, that the International Agreements Committee recently published the report on their inquiry into Parliamentary scrutiny of treaties, and the Government will, of course, be responding to that shortly.

Yours ever,

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