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Dear Secretary of State,

Following the decision by the House of Lords on 27 January, I have taken over from Peter Ricketts as Chair of the European Affairs Select Committee, and I wanted to write at once to introduce myself.

I have served as a member of the Committee for the past two years, and now very much look forward to my new role in the Chair. In that regard, I hope that we will be able to meet soon to discuss the Committee's work; I know that my officials have already been in touch with yours to that end. There are some challenging issues on the horizon which will no doubt be the subject of spirited debate, but I am confident that we will be able to work together in a continued spirit of constructive cooperation as we conduct our inquiries and scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Stirrup KG GCB AFC
Chair of the European Affairs Committee