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Dear Mr Raab

## **Brexit: Gibraltar—follow-up**

Thank you for your letter, dated 10 March 2021, on the forthcoming negotiations between the UK and the EU regarding Gibraltar. The House of Lords European Union Select Committee considered this document at its meeting on 23 March 2021.

We welcome your statement that all parties are now keen to move ahead with the negotiation of a full treaty between the EU and the UK (in respect of Gibraltar), and your confirmation that the Commission is developing a proposal for a mandate for the negotiations. We agree with you that it is in the interests of all parties to make progress soon, recognising the need for a solution which reflects the specific and unique circumstances of Gibraltar.

The term of appointment of the EU Committee will expire on 31 March, and responsibility for scrutiny of the implications for Gibraltar of UK withdrawal from the EU, including the forthcoming negotiations on a full treaty in respect of Gibraltar, will pass to the new House of Lords European Affairs Committee after that date.

With that in mind, I invite you to keep that Committee informed of developments, including the timetable for the Commission to complete preparation of a negotiation mandate, the European Council to agree that mandate, and for formal negotiations between the EU and UK in respect of Gibraltar to commence and conclude.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Kinnoull  
Chair of the European Union Committee