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The Rt Hon Lucy Rigby KC MP
HM Treasury, Economic Secretary to the Treasury
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Dear Minister,

Unnumbered document: COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2026/833 of 30 March 2026 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Specialised Committee on Participation in Union Programmes established by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, as regards the amendments to Protocol I thereto (Erasmus+)

Thank you for your letter dated 27 August 2026 which was considered by the European Affairs Committee at its meeting of 8 September. We are grateful for the information you provided.

We have decided to retain our interest in this matter. We intend to take evidence from the British Council later this year, once it takes formal responsibility in this area, and we may come back to you with further questions.

Lord Stirrup KG GCB AFC

Chair of the European Affairs Committee