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Trade preferences for developing countries (Council documents 5949/20 and 6020/20) (41070 and 41072)

Thank for your letter of 18 March 2021 which deals clearly and comprehensively with the questions raised by the Committee concerning the operation of the UK's Generalised Scheme of Preferences since 1 January 2021 and how the Decision reached by the EU/UK Joint Committee in December 2020 on "at risk" goods under the Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland to the UK/EU Withdrawal Agreement affects the application of the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences in Northern Ireland.

We have no further questions to raise at this stage.

We are copying this letter to the Earl of Kinnoull and Simon Pook, Chair and Clerk of the European Affairs Committee in the House of Lords; Edwina Osborne and Stephen Booth, your Departmental Scrutiny Coordinators; and Les Saunders and Donald Harris in the Cabinet Office.

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