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Eurojust: cooperation with third countries (Council document 13165/20) (ESC number 41735)

Thank you for [your letter of 11 June 2021](#) in which you respond to questions raised by us in our [letter of 21 April 2021](#) on the implementation of the provisions in Part Three of the EU/UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) on cooperation with Eurojust, the EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation.

We would welcome an update on the envisaged Working Arrangement which will underpin cooperation between the UK and Eurojust and a copy of the final agreed text once negotiations have concluded.

As we indicated in our earlier letter, we consider that details of the notifications made by the EU and the UK under Part Three of the TCA concerning law enforcement and judicial cooperation in criminal matters should be routinely communicated to Parliament. Parliament should not have to rely on notices published in the EU's Official Journal as its primary source of information. We ask you to explain what steps the Government is taking to ensure that this information is promptly provided to Parliament (and updated as necessary) as well as made accessible to the public (for example on the gov.uk website).

I am copying this letter to the Minister of State at the Cabinet Office (Lord Frost); the Chair (Rt Hon. Yvette Cooper MP) and Clerk (Elizabeth Hunt) of the Home Affairs Committee; the Chair (Sir Robert Neill MP) and Clerk (David Weir) of the Justice Committee; the Chair (Rt Hon. Harriet Harman QC MP) and the Clerk (Lucinda Maer) of the Joint Committee on Human Rights; the Chair (the Earl of Kinnoull) and Clerk (Simon Pook) of the Lords European Affairs Committee; Andrew Englefield of your Department; and Les Saunders and Donald Harris in the Cabinet Office.

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