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

Thank you for [your letter of 3 August 2021](#) responding to [our letter of 7 July 2021](#) which asked for:

- an update on the progress made in agreeing a Working Arrangement to underpin cooperation between the UK and Eurojust—the EU Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation—under the EU/UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), as well as a copy of the final agreed text once negotiations have concluded; and
- confirmation that details of the notifications which the EU and the UK are required to make under Part Three of the TCA concerning the competent authorities and contact points responsible for ensuring law enforcement cooperation will be provided promptly to Parliament and made accessible to the public (for example on the gov.uk website).

We welcome your assurance that “officials are making arrangements to put the information on the gov.uk website and keep it updated” and look forward to receiving details of the relevant weblinks as soon as they are available.

We are pleased to hear that negotiations on a Working Arrangement with Eurojust are “progressing well” and that cooperation between the UK and Eurojust “continues to operate effectively” in the meantime. We welcome your offer of a further update once the negotiations have concluded and ask you to provide us with a copy of the final text.

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.

CHAIR