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Dear Home Secretary,

The Committee are very much looking forward to meeting with you next Wednesday, 27 October. We hope, having the opportunity to discuss issues with you, to cover a lot of ground, but we will primarily be focused on a key policy: your New Plan for Immigration.

Ahead of that meeting, and separate to it, I am writing to let you know that the Committee has decided to further examine the European Travel Information and Authorisation System (ETIAS) and the Entry/Exit System (EES).

These systems will fundamentally affect UK citizens travelling to and from the EU. Some of the arrangements will likely take place on UK soil, and there are British interests to be raised in the appropriate international fora. We are grateful for your letter to me of 15 September, and now feel that further work from us would be of value in promoting the need for these preparations and interventions. We therefore plan to hold a public evidence session on 2 November, and I anticipate that we will be writing to you and Cabinet colleagues with recommendations thereafter.

The Committee's staff and I remain available to discuss any queries you may have. We look forward to your continued engagement with our work, including our meeting next week.

Yours sincerely,

Baroness Sally Hamwee,
Chair, House of Lords Justice and Home Affairs Committee