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Dear Nigel,

EM 5513/20 - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council - Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe

Thank you for your Explanatory Memorandum, dated 1 April 2020, on EM 5513/20: the Commission's Communication on shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe. The House of Lords European Union Select Committee considered this document at its meeting on 5 May 2020.

Although we will not participate directly in the Conference, we share your view that it may, in due course, address matters of interest to the UK. Nonetheless, given that the Conference has now been postponed and that the context has changed so fundamentally due to the Covid 19 crisis, we do not intend to pursue further questions through correspondence and have decided to clear the document from scrutiny.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Les Saunders, Cabinet Office, and Adam Nutley, Scrutiny Co-ordinator, FCO.

Yours sincerely,

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