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Dear Mr President

COM(2013) 619, 13857/13: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on New Psychoactive Substances

COM(2013) 618, 13865/13: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA of 25 October 2004 laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, as regards the definition of drug

On 11 November 2013 the House of Lords of the United Kingdom Parliament resolved as follows:

“that this House considers that the Commission proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on New Psychoactive Substances (COM(2013) 619, Council Document 13857/13) and the Commission proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Framework Decision 2004/757/JHA of 25 October 2004 laying down minimum provisions on the constituent elements of criminal acts and penalties in the field of illicit drug trafficking, as regards the definition of drug (COM(2013) 618, Council Document 13865/13) do not comply with the principle of subsidiarity, for the reasons set out in the 6th Report of the European Union Committee (HL Paper 73); and, in accordance with article 6 of the Protocol on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, instructs the Clerk of the Parliaments to forward this reasoned opinion to the Presidents of the European institutions.”

I have the honour so to do. I enclose the report referred to.

Yours sincerely

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