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Dear Mr Arto Satonen

I am writing to let you know that, on 9 September, I was appointed as the Chair of the House of Lords European Union Committee, in succession to Lord Boswell of Aynho, who has retired after seven years of service in post. I know how grateful Lord Boswell has been to you and your parliamentary colleagues for your assistance to him and to the Committee during his time in post.

I have taken on the role at an important and uncertain moment, both in the context of the Brexit negotiations themselves, and in terms of the UK's future relationship with the EU, and with your country. In that context, I and the Committee stress the vital importance of effective channels of communication between us at this sensitive time.

I look forward to opportunities to engage with you in the coming weeks and months, including at the COSAC meeting in December. My Committee is also anxious to develop its engagement through visits to other EU national parliaments, and we would also be pleased to welcome you to London at any time.

If I or my Committee can be of assistance to you at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Lord Kinnoull  
Chair of the European Union Committee