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Sir William Cash MP  
Chair  
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*Dear Bill,*

**Council Decision to amend Decision 2015/259/CFSP to support activities of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in the framework of the implementation of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

As described in the Explanatory Memorandum, the above Council Decision seeks authorisation to extend the duration of and introduce other amendments to Council Decision 2015/259/CFSP that sets out existing EU-sponsored activities to support the OPCW. We expect the EEAS to table the Decision for adoption by a Council in March 2018.

I am writing in similar terms to The Lord Boswell of Aynho, Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union, and copying this letter to the Clerks of both Committees, Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the European Union, FCO Scrutiny Team, and Lynne Smith, FCO Select Committee Liaison Officer.

**RT HON SIR ALAN DUNCAN MP**