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Sir William Cash MP  
The Chair  
European Scrutiny Committee  
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*Dear Bill,*

**Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/611 of 20 April 2018 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

**Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/602 of 20 April 2018 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

I am writing with regard to the EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/611 and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/602 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). As detailed in the Explanatory Memorandum, this Decision and Regulation add an additional four individuals to those subject to EU autonomous measures.

These legal acts were adopted and published in the Official Journal on 20 April. Due to asset flight risk, it was not possible to undertake pre-adoption parliamentary scrutiny on these measures, so that I found myself in the position of having to agree to the adoption of these documents before you and your Committee had the opportunity to scrutinise them.

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, Adam Nutley, FCO Scrutiny Officer and Lynne Smith, FCO Select Committee Liaison Officer.

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