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*Dear Sir William*

**7203/18 Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Labour Authority.**

Thank you for your report on the European Labour Authority (ELA) dated 25 April 2018. You asked for an update on the progress of the European Labour Authority file after the Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs (EPSCO) Council meeting.

The Bulgarian Presidency produced a progress report for the June EPSCO Council meeting. The report provided a summary of the Commission's proposal, highlighting the seven existing EU bodies to be incorporated into the ELA and the role of the National Liaison Officer. The proposal envisages the ELA supporting Member States in the implementation of existing EU legislation in the areas of cross-border labour mobility and social security coordination.

The Presidency and Member States have made good progress on this file. The UK has concerns about the inclusion of the Technical Commission, Audit Board and Conciliation Board – in the ELA. A number of other Member States have also raised similar concerns and we are working together to seek changes to the text. The Commission has been asked to provide a more detailed comparison of the tasks of existing bodies and the ELA.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the House of Lords EU Select Committee, Lord Boswell, Les Saunders, DExEU, and to Jenny Steinitz, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator for BEIS.

Yours sincerely

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