Dear Kevin

COMMON FRAMEWORKS: HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE PLANNING

I note the UK Government’s Revised Frameworks Analysis and the proposed common frameworks which intersect with devolved competence. As you would expect, the Committee would be keen to engage in the common framework process.

We also welcome the UK Government’s recognition of “the importance of engaging Parliament, the devolved legislatures and wider stakeholders in the work on common frameworks”, as stated in its third quarterly report, The European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks; 26 December 2018 to 25 March 2019.

As a first step, it would be helpful if you could confirm, in relation to hazardous substance planning, which we understand would be within your portfolio responsibilities—

- what progress has been made to date in planning for this framework;
- when you expect wider engagement on the framework to take place, and, in particular, what plans you have to engage with the Committee and the Scottish Parliament in developing the common framework.

Yours sincerely,

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