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Invitation to provide oral evidence on the UK’s departure from the European Union

Thank you for your letter dated 31st August 2017 inviting me to give evidence to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee regarding the negotiations for the UK’s departure from the European Union as they relate to agriculture, fisheries and forestry. I recognise the challenges and opportunities of the UK’s exit from the EU for these most valuable sectors.

I have a high regard for the work of parliamentary committees, and I am pleased to accept your kind invitation to meet the Committee. I have also accepted an invitation to meet the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee, and hope to combine meeting both Committees on the same date.

My office will be in touch to find a mutually convenient date.

Thank you again for the invitation.

With every good wish,

Michael Gove