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Dear Hilary,

I am writing to inform you that the UK's Permanent Representative to the EU has today written to the President of the European Council, confirming the agreement of the Government of the United Kingdom to the decision of the European Council extending the period under Article 50(3) of the Treaty on European Union.

I am placing a copy of that letter and a copy of the European Council Decision in the libraries of both Houses.

**RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP**  
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