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Dear Lord Dodds,

**THE ECODESIGN FOR ENERGY-RELATED PRODUCTS AND ENERGY
INFORMATION (AMENDMENT) (NORTHERN IRELAND) REGULATIONS 2025**

I am grateful to you for your contributions alongside those made by other Noble Lords in the debate on 25th March. A point of interest in that debate was parliamentary scrutiny arrangements for EU legislation, and how that would be conducted in this Parliament when legislation is updated under the terms of the Windsor Framework. I wanted to follow up on that to provide further information on the arrangements being put in place by the Government to support this scrutiny.

I indicated to the House that the Government was committed to updating Parliament on changes to EU legislation, which the SLSC had considered in the context of the instrument before the House. Following the debate, I have been made aware that the Government has arranged to continue with the specific scrutiny commitments for the range of EU legislation as put in place in the last Parliament. These commitments are made to the relevant parliamentary committees including the newly formed NI Scrutiny Committee.

These comprehensive arrangements will rightly provide for Parliament, through that committee and relevant committees in the Other Place, to be furnished with detailed Explanatory Memoranda on new or amended EU laws and proposals which may have a direct effect on the UK and requests for other information to support parliamentary scrutiny. I note that Lord Dodds is a member of the NI Scrutiny Committee and would impress upon you the seriousness with which the Government takes its commitments to supporting those arrangements to ensure Parliament has a role in scrutinising EU regulations of relevance to the UK.

The Government wholeheartedly agrees it is right that the implementation of the Windsor Framework is subject to multiple scrutiny points both in Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly. I believe that the Government's renewed commitment to provide Explanatory Memoranda as EU regulations change serves as the appropriate means to support proper interrogation of such detailed regulatory proposals rather than a standalone parliamentary statement. I also note that these arrangements have been proven to support robust scrutiny in the past.

I would reassure you that the Government will continue to work faithfully to deliver our specific EU scrutiny commitments to this Parliament on this basis and of course the relevant

Ministers will continue to engage with all members of the House when significant changes are progressing.

I am copying The Earl Russell and have asked for a copy of my letter to be placed in the Library of the House.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Philip Hunt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

RT HON LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH OBE
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