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Concerning: Follow-up on meeting October 7th

Dear Lord Callanan,

On behalf of the delegation of the European Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in the Netherlands I want to thank you for our meeting on Monday October 7th. The delegation thought it was a frank and honest discussion.

As you are aware there were two questions which remained open during the discussion. The first question was concerning a physical proof to prove a settled or pre-settled status for EU-citizens. At this moment EU-citizens only have a *digital* status which is exposed to risks of hacking or computer failure. Therefore, our delegation would like to ask to look into the possibilities of a physical proof to prove a settled or pre-settled status for EU-citizens.

Secondly, our delegation would like to ask you to elaborate more about the non-discriminatory principle. As our delegation indicated in the discussion, there is a fear that if a draft Statutory Instrument freedom of establishment is approved, after exit day EU-citizens will no longer be able to be self-employed, own and manage a company or provide services in the UK on the same basis as British citizens. Therefore, our delegation would like to ask you to take that fear away and guarantee that there will be no discrimination on the basis of nationality with regard to their rights to set up companies, be self-employed or provide services.

We also have some final questions: We are concerned that it will be impossible to reach 100% of the EU-citizens and their families who need a new immigration status after Brexit. Can you tell us what will be the consequences for an EU-citizen who has lived in the UK before Brexit but who does not apply for settled status before 31 December 2020 in case of no deal, or 30 June 2021 in case of a deal, for no reason except that this citizen said they did not realize they had to apply?



Looking forward to your reply, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

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Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives in the Netherlands