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Re: OFMDFM Committee Inquiry into the Barroso Task Force

Thank you for your letter of 3rd March seeking my Department's comments on the terms of reference for an OFMDFM Committee Inquiry into the Barosso taskforce.

I am aware of the Inquiry and terms of reference which I understand were agreed by that Committee on 19th February 2014.

The Inquiry will:

- Consider the work and structures of the Taskforce including the Barroso Taskforce Working Group (BTWG) since its inception in 2007;
- Identify the outcomes from the Taskforce and assess against the objectives;
- Identify and consider lessons learned from the functioning of the Taskforce in order to inform recommendations for future engagement in EU affairs post Barroso.

The proposed Inquiry therefore appears comprehensive as it is concerned not only with the effectiveness of the BTWG since 2007 but will also seek to make recommendations for future engagement with the EU after the Barosso Presidency ends.

I welcome the OFMDFM Committee Inquiry and look forward to receiving its recommendations.

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