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*Dear President,*

**16433/12, COM (2012) 614 final - Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on improving the gender balance among non-executive directors of companies listed on stock exchanges and related measures**

Thank you for your letter of 8 August 2013 in response to our Reasoned Opinion on the above proposal. This was considered by EU Sub-Committee B on the Internal Market, Infrastructure and Employment at its meeting of 14 October 2013.

We are grateful for your detailed response to our queries. We had requested a meeting with Commissioner Vivienne Reding by videoconference, to enable the Committee as a whole to discuss the proposal with the Commissioner in more detail.

We are disappointed that it has not been possible to organise a videoconference, but we have organised for a delegation to visit the European Commission, to discuss the proposal on 12 November.

We look forward to addressing some of the issues raised in your letter at that point.

No response to this letter is necessary.

I am copying this letter to Mr William Cash MP, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Sarah Davies, Clerk to the Commons Committee, Paul Hardy, Legal Adviser to the Commons Committee, Les Saunders (Cabinet Office), Marzena Bujalska and Shirley Dewsbury, Departmental Scrutiny Co-ordinators.

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