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Dear Colleague,

### **Exiting the European Union: publications**

Today we have published three documents setting out the Government's analysis of the deal we have reached with the EU. They are:

- EU Exit: Taking back control of our borders, money and laws while protecting our economy, security and Union
- EU Exit: Long-term economic analysis
- EU Exit: Assessment of the security partnership

The first document, "**EU Exit: Taking back control of our borders, money and laws while protecting our economy, security and Union**", brings together the key parts of our deal. As the document sets out, the deal we have reached with the EU takes back control of our borders, our laws and our money, and protects our economy, our security, and our United Kingdom. It ensures that our exit is smooth and orderly, and provides a framework for the future that ensures we remain the closest of friends and allies.

The second document, "**EU Exit: Long-term economic analysis**", provides an economic analysis of our exit from the EU over a fifteen year time horizon. Through this document we are delivering on our commitment to Parliament to provide appropriate analysis ahead of any vote on the final deal.

I want to stress that these are not economic forecasts. The analysis tries to show the potential effects on the level of trade between the UK and EU in various scenarios and how that might affect economic output if all other things were held constant. All economic modelling is highly uncertain. This is particularly true of a topic as complex as Brexit. No model can capture all the issues correctly and how they fit together. It therefore relies on a number of assumptions, which are set out clearly in the document.

That said, I believe the analysis demonstrates that the agreement we have reached with the EU is the best deal available for jobs and our economy that allows us to honour the referendum and realise the opportunities of Brexit. This holds when compared to the other scenarios in the analysis – EEA, a standard/average FTA and a no deal scenario (which would mean trading on WTO terms). Under our deal we will have an implementation period, a free trade deal with the EU, and the ability to strike trade deals around the world. Furthermore, I firmly believe that by bringing back control over our money, borders and laws we can construct a brighter future for our country and society as a whole.

The analysis is also clear that, no matter what approach we take, the UK economy will continue to be strong and grow into the future. Of course, the deal we have reached with the EU will minimise trade barriers, meaning it is better for the economy. On the other hand, a no deal scenario would see significant increase in such barriers meaning that there would be some resulting economic disruption. But what would be really bad for the economy would be prolonging the uncertainty, and not being able to get back to focusing on the action we can take at home. This includes priorities such as our NHS. Fundamentally, the biggest benefit of the deal we have struck is that it gives certainty and clarity to businesses and citizens across the UK and the EU. Rejecting this deal ensures only one thing, more uncertainty, further delays and sending this country back to square one in this process.

The third document, '**EU Exit: Assessment of the security partnership**', sets out an analysis of the future UK-EU security partnership. It highlights the significant benefits we will receive from this future partnership, particularly when compared to the gap in capability we would see in a no deal scenario.

In particular, the deal we've reached with the EU will enable strong operational capabilities to tackle serious crime and terrorism: swift and effective data exchange; fast-track surrender arrangements (enabling the efficient and swift extradition of suspected and wanted criminals); and continued close cooperation with Europol and Eurojust. It will also provide for the UK as a third country to have consultation and cooperation on foreign policy, security and defence with the EU to combine our efforts to the greatest effect when it is in our mutual interests, and to intensify cooperation in response to crises and other global developments. Finally, it will promote cooperation on a range of thematic security issues, establishing a formal relationship with the EU on: cyber security; counter terrorism; illegal migration; health security and civil protection.

Together, these documents provide a comprehensive analysis of the agreement we have reached with the EU and will help ensure everyone can make the informed decision possible on the nature of the deal. They will be supplemented by a further document, setting out the Government's legal position on the proposed Withdrawal Agreement, which is expected to be published on Monday 3 December. The Attorney General will also make an oral statement to the House of Commons on Monday 3 December.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Barclay', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP**  
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