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Dear Andrew,

I wrote in August last year to update the Committee that, on 22 July 2025, the European Commission announced it had launched the process to adopt two new adequacy decisions for the UK to allow the free flow of personal data between the European Economic Area and the UK.

I am pleased to update the Committee that, on 19 December 2025, the European Commission confirmed the two adequacy decisions for the UK had been renewed. The new decisions are subject to a sunset clause of six years, running until 27 December 2031. The European Commission, together with representatives of the European Data Protection Board, will also review the functioning of the adequacy decisions after a period of four years.

I trust the Committee will find this update useful.

Yours sincerely,

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