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Dear Michael

At its meeting on 21 April, the Justice Committee considered your response in relation to the Committee's plans for EU engagement during 2015-16. As you know, one of our priorities for EU work in that period is the European Agenda on Migration and its possible interaction with the Human Trafficking and Exploitation (Scotland) Bill. Of course the issue of migration is at the forefront of our minds at this time following recent tragedies in the Mediterranean. The Committee understands from your letter that substantive details of the European Agenda on Migration are still to be published, and, of course, that the EU is considering its overall response to this growing problem. We therefore intend to keep a close eye on this issue in the coming months, and would welcome any update you can provide on the matter in due course. We have also agreed to write to the European and External Relations Committee asking whether, in light of recent events, it plans to undertake any work in relation to this issue.

The Committee also noted that you intend to provide a further update to the Committee in relation to EU e-justice and a copy of the updated Action Plan on European Engagement once available.

I look forward to receiving your response by 26 May.

Yours sincerely

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