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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Working Party on the United Kingdom

Subject: Reply to UK notification under Article 18 Windsor Framework

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

Dear Delegates, please find attached the reply of the EU co-chair of the Joint Committee established by the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement to the UK's notification, under Article 18 of the Windsor Framework, regarding the outcome of the democratic consent vote that took place on 10 December 2024 in the Northern Ireland Assembly on the continued application of Articles 5 to 10 of the Windsor Framework.

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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in my capacity as co-chair of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee. I would like to thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2024.

I take note of your notification under Article 18 of the Windsor Framework of the outcome of the democratic consent vote in the Northern Ireland Assembly that took place on 10 December 2024 and, as a result, of the continued application of Articles 5 – 10 of the Windsor Framework.

As your letter also recognises, the commissioning of an 'independent review' as a follow up to this vote is a UK internal matter, reflecting the commitments the UK Government made in its 2019 Unilateral Declaration on Consent.

Allow me to take the opportunity to highlight the continued importance of the full, timely, and faithful implementation of all the elements of the Windsor Framework and to reiterate the need for continuous efforts in order to achieve it.

Yours faithfully,

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