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Sir William Cash MP  
European Scrutiny Committee  
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*Dear Bill,*

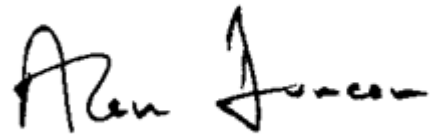
**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2018/168 of 2 February 2018  
implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 concerning restrictive measures in  
view of the situation in South Sudan.**

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/164 of 2 February 2018  
implementing Article 22 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2015/735 concerning restrictive  
measures in respect of the situation in South Sudan.**

I am writing with regard to the EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/168 and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/164 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in South Sudan. As detailed in the Explanatory Memorandum, this Decision and Regulation add an additional three individuals to those subject to EU autonomous measures.

These legal acts were adopted on 2 February 2018 and published in the Official Journal on 3 February 2018. Due to asset flight risk, it was not possible to undertake pre-adoption parliamentary scrutiny on these measures, so that I found myself in the position of having to agree to the adoption of these documents before you and your Committee had the opportunity to scrutinise them.

I am writing in similar terms to The Lord Boswell of Aynho, Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union, and copying this letter to the Clerks of both Committees, Les Saunders at the Department for Exiting the European Union, Adam Nutley, FCO Departmental Scrutiny and Lynne Smith, FCO Select Committee Liaison Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'n'.

**RT HON SIR ALAN DUNCAN MP**