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The Lord Boswell of Aynho  
Chair  
Select Committee on European Union  
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*Dear Tim,*

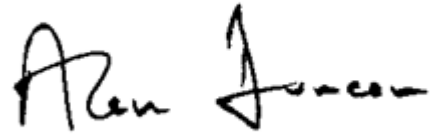
**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2018/168 of 2 February 2018  
implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 concerning restrictive measures in  
view of the situation in South Sudan.**

**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 3 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.

I am writing in similar terms to the Chair of the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee, 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, appearing to read "Alan Duncan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

**RT HON SIR ALAN DUNCAN MP**