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Thank you for your letter of 8th October about renewal of Articles 25 and 46 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

I agree that these optional articles should be renewed for a further period of 5 years, and that the opportunity offered by Teddy Taylor's Parliamentary Question on 24th October should be taken to announce renewal. I also agree that as we are not seeking a mandate from Parliament for renewal, the case for a Parliamentary debate should be considered in the light of the reaction to the announcement.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Prime Minister, the Lord President, the Lord Chancellor, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, the Secretary of State for the Environment, the

The Rt Hon Douglas Hurd CBE MP



Secretary of State for Employment, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, the Lord Privy Seal, the Attorney General, the Lord Advocate, the Chief Whip and the Secretary of the Cabinet.



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