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For Mr Hurd

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Prime Minister

Hurd

Dear Michael,

When Mr Tugendhat saw the Prime Minister on 19 February he said that one of the steps which would be helpful in the presentation of our Presidency would be the appointment of a junior Minister with specific responsibilities for relations with the European Parliament.

You may like to know that the Secretary of State has now agreed that Mr Hurd should assist him in the Presidency work with the European Parliament both in Parliamentary sessions and other contacts with the European Parliament and its committees. This arrangement will be made public before Mr Hurd pays a visit to Strasbourg on 12 March.

Yours ever,

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