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I have seen your exchange of correspondence with Malcolm Rifkind about this.

While I have no direct involvement in the issues which Malcolm raised with you, I do appreciate his difficulties because I also have to defend a non-domestic rate poundage which is higher than that in England. I therefore have (as your letter of 5 November recognises) an interest in the proposed discussions on a timetable for convergence of poundages, and I would wish my officials to be involved in these.

/ I am copying this to the Prime Minister, Chris Patten, and Malcolm Rifkind, and to Sir Robin Butler.

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