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Dear Mr Lambertz

Thank you for your letter drawing my attention to the useful Resolution adopted by the Committee of the Regions on 16 and 17 May on the Implications of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union for the EU's local and regional authorities.

The conclusions reached in the resolution will, I am sure, be of great interest to Assembly Members and have been drawn to their attention. I particularly welcome the commitment the Committee made in the Resolution to begin internal preparations to ensure the maintenance of relationships between devolved legislatures and local governments in the UK and the Committee of the Regions following the UK's withdrawal.

I know that discussions on mechanisms to maintain these relationships have been on-going since March and warmly welcome the commitments made to date. You will know that the Assembly's External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee is currently carrying out work to consider Wales' future relationship with the EU and its regions and I note that you will be meeting the Chair of this Committee to discuss the work further on 26 June 2018.

I remain concerned about the continued delays in the nomination and ratification of the Assembly's Committee of the Regions nominee, Mick Antoniw AM, by the UK Government. I note however, the personal commitment made by the UK

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Government's Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker MP, to the Assembly's External Affairs and Additional Committee to resolve the issue as a matter of priority. I hope that the Assembly will, in the near future, have a full member of the Committee to continue these important discussions on the future relationship between the Committee of the Regions and the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely

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cc David Rees AM, Chair, External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee
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