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Dear Presidents,

The Commission would like to thank the Houses of the Oireachtas for their Report on the 'UK-EU Future Relationship: Implications for Ireland', which the Commission has taken note of with interest.

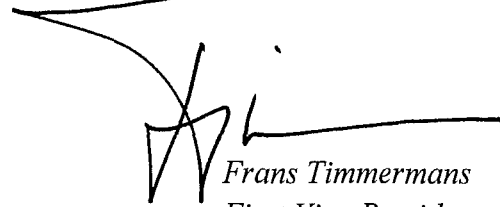
The Commission considers that the EU is stronger with the United Kingdom as a member and that the United Kingdom is stronger as a member of the EU. The Commission has made clear that it wants to help the United Kingdom find a solution that is fair for that country and for the EU as a whole.

The Commission stands ready to discuss the specific proposals which Prime Minister Cameron has arranged he will present in November.

The Commission is of course aware that these issues are of deep relevance for Ireland. While it remains too early for the Commission to comment on the exact format of the negotiations pending clarification of the United Kingdom's requests, the Commission will seek to make sure that Ireland and other Member States are appropriately engaged as they gather pace.

The Commission looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,



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