

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

*Brussels, 1.7.2015  
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*Dear Lord Boswell,*

*The Commission would like to thank the House of Lords for its letter of 17 November 2014 concerning the proposal for a Directive on the activities and supervision of institutions for occupational retirement provision (recast).*

*The Commission notes that the House of Lords maintains the IORP 2 proposal under parliamentary scrutiny, while the United Kingdom Government discusses the proposal in the Council of the European Union.*

*The Commission considers that good regulation at the level of the European Union should be forward-looking. This is particularly important in the field of financial policy, given the recent economic and financial crises. Pro-active prudential regulation and the anticipation of future needs should aim to minimise the effects of unexpected financial downturns and maximise the European Union's full economic potential.*

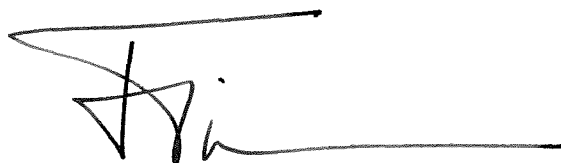
*The Commission is following closely the discussion of the IORP 2 proposal in the European Parliament and in the Council. The Council's negotiation mandate of 10 December 2014 ("General Approach") for the negotiations with the European Parliament aims to ensure a principles-based directive that preserves the substance of the Commission's IORP 2 proposal, whilst leaving flexibility to the Member States on how to make those principles work in practice.*

*The Commission remains committed to good, effective and transparent regulation. It is keen to maintain the constructive dialogue with the House of Lords with a view to ensuring that the IORP 2 proposal contributes to the development of efficient and safe occupational retirement provision in all the Member States of the European Union.*

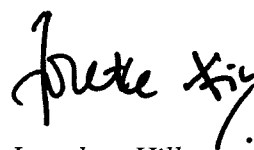
*The Lord Boswell of Aynho  
Chairman of the European Union Select Committee  
House of Lords  
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*To that end we would be very happy to arrange a meeting between the Sub Committee and Commission officials, as you suggest.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frans Timmermans', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

*Frans Timmermans  
First Vice-President*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Hill', with a small flourish at the end.

*Jonathan Hill  
Member of the Commission*