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Dear Secretary of State

Shared Prosperity Fund

At its meeting on 9 January 2020, the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee considered a number of bi-annual reports on EU issues prepared by the Scottish Government (reports attached). One of the reports covers the delivery of the European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) programmes.

With regards to post 2020 replacement funding, the Minister for Trade, Investment and Innovation states in his letter of 16 December 2019, that there has been no further information on the part of the UK Government regarding proposals for the replacement of ESF and ERDF funding through the “Shared prosperity Fund” (UKSPF). Given the important role these funding programmes play in supporting Scottish organisations it is concerning that the UK Government is yet to propose a viable replacement.

The Committee considers it to be imperative that the UK Government clearly set out how the UKSPF will operate and what funding will be allocated. In this regard, the Committee would appreciate details of the level of involvement the Scottish Government, Parliament and Scottish Stakeholders will have in the design and implementation of the proposed replacement.

Yours Sincerely,

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