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By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr Mayer,

The Register of Consultant Lobbyists

Thank you for your letter of 14 November responding to the questions I had raised previously.

On the basis of the information you have provided, I am satisfied that the activities of the IEA on which my enquiries were based were not such as to require the IEA to register and declare those activities on the statutory Register of Consultant Lobbyists.

In particular, your clear assertion that no payment was received from third parties – either directly or indirectly - in relation to those activities means that they would not be classified as consultant lobbying under the criteria set out in the relevant legislation.

I should stress that this decision relates to the specific activities about which my enquiries were made. I would encourage the IEA to remain actively conscious of the requirements of Part 1 of the Transparency of Lobbying [etc] Act 2014, particularly when facilitating communications with UK Government Ministers. Whether or not the latter purport to be acting in that capacity during such communication is immaterial.

You will be aware that there is comprehensive guidance to the legislation published on the Office of the Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists website, but the Office and I would be happy to provide more bespoke advice on specific circumstances, if requested.

Yours sincerely,

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Harry Rich

Registrar of Consultant Lobbyists