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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter of 7 December 2017 where you again push for some certainty for our law enforcement and criminal justice services in the run up to Brexit.

I remain determined to ensure that no compromises will be made over public safety throughout the Brexit process. That is why I set out six 'red lines' to the Government which are crucial for continued cooperation on security and counter-terrorism with European partners.

All these have been identified by UK law enforcement as tools that must be retained or adequately replaced. There are case studies of where Europol and Eurojust have been instrumental in sentencing a person for the human trafficking of a 14-year-old girl and eight other women into prostitution, and then there is the example of when the police extradited one of the suspects of the London 2005 bomb attack within weeks via the European Arrest Warrant.

But it seems that I must say again, we need more than 'good will' from our Government on this. We need to get some clear agreement on the complex issues at hand to establish how we are actually going to continue cooperation with the EU on matters of security. This is why I have pressed the Home Secretary on this.

The Metropolitan Police Service, National Police Chiefs' Council and the National Crime Agency are undertaking work to ascertain the operational requirements post Brexit and are doing the relevant research for contingency planning. My Office for Policing And Crime are engaging with these relevant partners on their progress, concerns and considerations.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your letter and for the continued support of the Police and Crime Committee on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Sadiq Khan
Mayor of London