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*Dear Mr Scarlato + Ms Godfrey,*

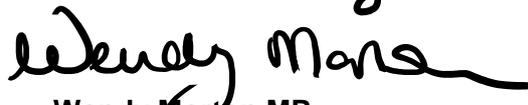
Thank you for your letter of 30 March requesting that representatives of your respective organisations be given observer status on the Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights. I am replying as the Minister for the European Neighbourhood and the Americas.

The Specialised Committee on Citizens' Rights has been established under Article 165 of the Withdrawal Agreement. It is one of several specialised committees established between the UK Government and the European Commission and is tasked with monitoring the implementation and application of Part Two of the Withdrawal Agreement. These specialised committees comprise representatives of the European Union and the United Kingdom. As you are aware, experts and other persons can be invited to provide information on a particular subject. The co-chairs have not invited external participants to the first meeting. However, they are aware of your request and will take it into consideration for future meetings.

I would like to assure you that I value your contribution to citizens' rights and the advocacy role of your organisations. The Withdrawal Agreement that we have agreed with the EU protects citizens' rights. However, the need to provide certainty and reassurance to UK nationals in the EU and EU citizens in the UK is an ongoing and enduring priority for us all during the transition period and beyond.

I would therefore like to maintain contact with you and also propose we establish a Citizens' Rights Engagement Forum in order to provide a space to update and discuss the implementation of Part Two of the Withdrawal Agreement.

I am grateful for the close working relationship that British in Europe and the3million have established with the UK Government and our Embassies, Consulates and High Commissions across Europe. Your steadfast commitment and ongoing work to support UK nationals in the EU and EU citizens in the UK is also welcomed, and is a commitment we share.

*Yours sincerely*  
  
Wendy Morton MP

**Minister for the European Neighbourhood and the Americas**