Addendum to the Terms of Reference on the UK-EU Future Relationship Negotiations

In line with the Terms of Reference agreed on 28 February by the United Kingdom and the European Commission and their Addendum published on 12 June, and taking into account the current state of the negotiations after six rounds, the following forward process is established to create the most conducive conditions for concluding and ratifying a deal before the end of 2020:

a. Negotiating rounds will take place in August and in September, unless agreed otherwise between the parties. Subject to any constraints required by the relevant national health recommendations, negotiating groups will meet physically, alternately in Brussels and London, in full, in the specialised sessions and in more restricted formats.

b. To accompany and complement the negotiating rounds, and in line with institutional and transparency arrangements in place on each side, the Chief Negotiators from both sides and their teams will meet as necessary in a more restricted format to ensure progress in the negotiations. Specialised sessions may also work under their authority on issues of particular difficulty in the negotiations to ensure that parallel progress is achieved across all workstreams.

The parties have agreed the following calendar in the first instance for August and September, which may be modified or complemented as necessary¹:

- **Round 7**: week of 17 August to 21 August (Brussels)
- (As necessary) - Meetings of the Chief Negotiators / their teams / specialised sessions: weeks of 24 and 31 August (London and Brussels)
- **Round 8**: week of 7 September to 11 September (London)
- (As necessary) - Meetings of the Chief Negotiators / their teams / specialised sessions: weeks of 14 and 21 September (Brussels and London)
- **Round 9**: week of 28 September to 2 October (Brussels)

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¹ Locations and formats of the different meetings will be subject to constraints derived from the relevant national health recommendations and will be adapted as necessary. A combination of physical and videoconference meetings could be foreseen.

² This round follows the five previous full negotiating rounds and the restricted round of 29 June.