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## By Email

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Dear Mr Palker Dear Mr Conyers

## TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY FOX, INC AND SKY PLC EUROPEAN INTERVENTION NOTICE

I refer to our letter of 20 April 2017 concerning the proposed extension by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport ("Secretary of State") of the time period for the reports to be provided by Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA") and Ofcom in response to the European Intervention Notice ("EIN") issued under section 67 of the Enterprise Act 2002 in relation to the proposed merger of Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc ("21CF") and Sky plc ("Sky"), and to the responses of the same date provided on behalf of 21CF by Overy and by Herbert Smith Freehills on behalf of Sky.

We welcome the fact that you do not object to an extension of the time periods for these reports. We note your request for a slightly shorter period of extension of four weeks, until midnight at the end of Tuesday, 13 June 2017. In order to allow time for a government to form following the

election, however, the Secretary of State has decided to extend the period as originally proposed, until midnight at the end of Tuesday, 20 June 2017. We will send you formal notification, along with the letters advising the CMA and Ofcom, of the extension in due course.

In terms of the process the Secretary of State intends to follow after the receipt of these reports, you will of course appreciate that the state of affairs that will exist after the election is currently uncertain. We do, however, anticipate that a response to the reports will be provided as swiftly as is reasonably practicable.

I am copying this letter to	at Allen & Overy and	at Herbert
Smith Freehills.		

Yours sincerely,



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