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By the Select Committee appointed to consider European Union documents and other matters relating to the European Union.

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1. As part of its work on European Union documents, the Select Committee sends letters to Ministers to express its views on documents under scrutiny. The procedure of sending a letter may be adopted when the timetable of the Council of Ministers is too short for the Committee to make a report, or if an inquiry indicates that the points at issue do not warrant a full report.

2. The Committee considers that the attention of the House should now be drawn to letters which it has sent since the last volume of correspondence was issued, together with replies received from Ministers. It includes letters sent by the Committee and replies received since December 2001.

3. This report contains letters relating to policy issues. Government responses to the Committee's Reports, and any correspondence arising therefrom, are now printed in separate Reports.<sup>1</sup>

4. The previous volume of *Correspondence with Ministers* was published as the 18th Report, 2001–2002 (HL Paper 99).

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