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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Congratulations on the final success you achieved last night, after what must have been a long and difficult day. This is no doubt only the beginning of the fights, but the fact that we were able to get through this problem, and the willingness of most of the parties to find compromises and talk to each other are moderately encouraging signs for the future.

I know how much this first step owed to your efforts and those of Michael Ancram. I am enormously grateful, and wish you continued success despite the difficulties.

The Right Honourable Sir Patrick Mayhew QC MP

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independent chairmen have now been successfully appoint

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