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Dear Lord Justice Bean.

Law Commission Report – Patents, Trade Marks and Designs: Unjustified Threats (Law Com No 360)

I am very grateful for the work undertaken by the Law Commission on the reform of the unjustified threats regime especially the positive and helpful engagement with the IPO and interested stakeholders. The current law is inconsistent across the IP rights and can be very confusing for businesses and the clarification offered by the reforms is very welcomed.

Your final report treats these important issues very carefully and includes two new recommendations that ensure the reformed threats provisions will apply properly to Unitary Patents and the Unified Patent Court when they come into effect and this is welcomed by the Government.

I am keen to maintain momentum on this important work. The government intends to bring forward primary legislation to enact the proposed reforms. We are exploring bringing forward these proposals via the special Parliamentary procedure for bills that implement Law Commission recommendations. The responses to our recent discussion document indicate general support for use of the special procedure route and we have also received positive comments from a number of stakeholders on the proposals contained in the draft bill.

I would like once again to express my thanks for all of the Law Commission's work in reaching this point. I look forward to working with you to implement these important reforms.

Warm regards

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