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John M. Meyer,

Thank you for your letter of 27 September.

In view of the sensitivities evidently involved in this issue, I can certainly assure you that the Environmental Audit Committee will consider Contraction and Convergence in terms of the definition statement published by the Global Commons Institute (GCI). We will also ensure that, in pursuing our inquiry, references to Contraction and Convergence include attributions to the GCI with appropriate references. I am afraid I am unable to give any such assurance on behalf of other Parliamentary Committees or Parliament as such, though any report we might produce in relation to our Climate Change inquiry might of course enable us to bring the issue to the attention of our colleagues.

We expect our inquiry to focus on international emission reduction strategies more generally and in particular the difficulties involved in implementing them. Contraction and convergence, as advocated by the GCI, clearly needs to be considered very seriously in this context, and we would be very interested in your views on the specific issues we have set out in our press release. I am certain that the Committee will wish to invite you to discuss your views should you choose to submit a memorandum on our inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

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