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Dear Jeyarajan,

The Home Secretary has today asked the Government's independent advisers on migration, the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC), to complete a detailed assessment of the role of EU citizens in the UK economy and society.

The MAC, which comprises a group of internationally recognised experts in their field, will examine the British labour market, the overall role of migration in the wider economy and how the UK's immigration system should be aligned with a modern industrial strategy.

**Today's commission does not affect EU citizens already living here. It concerns the future immigration system.** Over the coming months the MAC will consult widely with businesses, employer organisations and EU citizens working in the UK.

On 26 June, the government outlined its proposal to protect the position of EU citizens in the UK – and UK nationals in the EU. It contained these commitments:

- EU citizens with settled status will continue to be treated as if they were UK nationals for education, healthcare, benefits, pensions and social housing after we leave the EU.
- No EU citizen currently in the UK lawfully will be asked to leave at the point we leave the EU. In fact we will allow up to two years for people to regularise their status.
- The process to apply for settled status will be streamlined and user friendly, and will include those who already hold a permanent residence document under current free movement rules. We expect the system to be up and running in 2018.

**EU citizens do not need to apply for documentation confirming their status now.**

The rights of EU citizens living in the UK – and of UK citizens in the EU – were a key part of discussions between the UK and the European Commission last week. There was agreement on a large number of issues. In fact, agreement has been reached on half the points that both sides have identified as forming a future agreement on citizens' rights.

A jointly-published [UK-EU note](#) sets this out in more detail. This represents a significant step forward in providing reassurance and certainty to EU citizens in the UK and UK nationals in the EU.

The next round of negotiations is scheduled for late August.

We understand that EU citizens living in the UK will be watching progress carefully and will be looking for certainty about the future. It is important we keep you up to date about this work and everything the government is doing on citizens' rights. That is why you have received this email today.

Meanwhile, please visit [Status of EU citizens in the UK: what you need to know](#) for further details about the 26 June policy proposal and you can also read more about today's [MAC announcement](#).

Thank you

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