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*Dear Ms McKelvie,*

*Thank you for your last letter of 11 April.*

*I have taken good note of the views and concerns you express. The Commission would like to refer to its previous reply on the upcoming referendum in Scotland and their possible implications.*

*As far as EU citizenship is concerned, this is not an autonomous status but is dependent on national citizenship. In accordance with Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), only persons holding the nationality of a Member State are EU citizens. EU citizenship is additional to and does not replace national citizenship.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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