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Dear Bertrand

News Corporation/BSkyB merger

I refer to your letter of 27 January 2011, in which you asked how Ofcom sees its role in considering undertakings in lieu in relation to the proposed merger, and the timing for next steps.

In accordance with the process set out by the Secretary of State in his news release dated 25 January 2011, Ofcom has been asked to advise the Secretary of State, under section 106B of the Enterprise Act 2002, on the extent to which we think that undertakings in lieu proposed by News Corporation address the potential impact on media plurality identified in Ofcom's report.

I understand that the Secretary of State is responding to you separately on the timing for next steps.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Unger".

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