## <u>Press release: David Mundell addresses</u> <u>Scottish Parliament committee</u>

Scottish Secretary David Mundell will today [Thursday 2 November 2017] urge the Scottish Government and Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) to engage fully with the Brexit process, so together we can deliver the best possible deal for Scotland and the whole of the UK as we leave the EU.

Mr Mundell will give evidence this morning [Thursday 2 November 2017] to the Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee.

The following week [Wednesday 8 November] Mr Mundell and DExEU Minister Robin Walker will give evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee. Mr Walker and Cabinet Office Minister Chris Skidmore will also give evidence that day [Wednesday 8 November] to the Scottish Parliament's Delegated Powers Committee.

Speaking ahead of his appearance before the Committee today [Thursday 2 November 2017] Mr Mundell said:

"There is a huge task ahead of us as the UK Government negotiates our exit from the EU. It is crucial that the Scottish Government and the Scottish Parliament are fully and constructively engaged with the Brexit process, so we can together deliver the best possible deal for Scotland and the whole of the UK as we leave the EU."

"The Scottish Parliament has a job of work to do, including preparing for new powers which will come to Holyrood as a result of Brexit, and working with the UK Government to determine where we will need common frameworks.

"People in Scotland, rightly, expect their two governments to work together and we want to work collaboratively with the Scottish Government and MSPs on this challenge."