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Dear Angus,

I am writing to update you and your committee on the fifth round of the UK-India Free Trade Agreement negotiations. You will also note the Joint Outcome Statement issued by the UK and Indian Chief Negotiators which can be found [here](#).

A delegation of UK officials undertook technical talks in New Delhi from 18-29 July. The negotiations, at official level, were conducted in a hybrid fashion, with some negotiators in a dedicated Indian facility in New Delhi, and others attending virtually.

We continue to work toward the progress as directed by our respective Prime Ministers in April 2022, where they announced the UK and India aim to conclude majority of talks by end of October.

My Department welcomes your interest in the Government's FTA programme, and I remain committed to the transparency and scrutiny of new trade deals, while ensuring Committees and all Parliamentarians are appropriately informed.

I will continue to update your committee as the official level negotiations progress.

I would like to reiterate the commitment made by my Department to make the Chief Negotiator and relevant Senior Civil Service experts available to brief the committee in private as negotiations progress. I would be happy to talk to your committee if you feel this would be useful.

Best wishes,

THE RT HON ANNE-MARIE TREVELYAN MP
Secretary of State for International Trade
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