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Dear Baroness Andrews,

Government response to second Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee report

I am grateful for the depth of thought that has gone into the Committee's second report into the operation of the Common Frameworks. I am responding as the Minister for Intergovernmental Relations who has oversight of the Common Frameworks programme. I am delighted to include the Government's response to your Committee's report.

The time that the Committee invests in its vital scrutiny of the Common Frameworks programme is a central pillar of the programme's success. I share your view that Common Frameworks are an important tool for strengthening the Union as part of a collegiate four-way process and the programme is founded on strong and collaborative relationships between the UK Government and devolved governments. The UK Government is committed to protecting and promoting the programme's combined strengths and the values we share, through ensuring the institutions of the United Kingdom work in concert to benefit people in every part of our country.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government accepts the vast majority of the Committee's recommendations. My officials will now work with their counterparts in the devolved governments to implement these recommendations.

Once again, I am very grateful for the hard work of the Committee in providing invaluable scrutiny of the Common Frameworks programme.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Zahawi'.

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