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Dear Angus,

The UK and Switzerland have today secured a far-reaching agreement on services that locks in our existing trading relationship and guarantees future access for UK service suppliers to the Swiss market.

The deal is part of the government's strategy to place the UK at the centre of a network of modern free trade agreements with dynamic economies, and to enhance our status as a global services hub.

The UK-Switzerland Services Mobility Agreement will allow UK professionals and other service workers to continue travelling freely to Switzerland and work visa-free for up to 90 days a year.

This deal will support trade in vital industries of the UK economy, including finance, consultancy, legal services, the tech sector and the creative industries.

When travelling to Switzerland, UK professionals will be able to do business as they do now and will not face economic interest tests, work permits or lengthy processing times for the first 90 days.

The agreement builds on the existing UK-Switzerland trade deal and will enter into force from 1 January 2021. Together, these deals will support over £37 billion worth of trade, providing lower or zero tariff access for thousands of products including cars, medicines and watches.

The initial agreement will last for two years to ensure continuity immediately after the transition period. It lays the groundwork for an enhanced UK-Switzerland trade relationship in the future.

The UK and Switzerland have also committed to work together on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications. This will make it easier for British professionals – from accountants to architects – to practise in Switzerland.

We will be sharing the Explanatory Memorandum (EM) which outlines the content of the treaty, how the SMA will be implemented and the government's consultations with the devolved administrations and Gibraltar. The department would be very happy to answer questions you have regarding the agreement.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Truss', is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive.

THE RT HON ELIZABETH TRUSS MP
Secretary of State for International Trade
& President of the Board of Trade