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Dear Darren,

I am writing to update you and your committee on the eleventh 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 Indian officials undertook technical talks in London from 5-18 July. As with previous rounds, this was conducted in a hybrid fashion - a number of Indian officials travelled to London for negotiations and others attended virtually.

Technical discussions were held across 9 policy areas over 42 separate sessions. They included detailed draft treaty text discussions in policy areas such as rules of origin and services.

During the round, on 10-11 July my counterpart Piyush Goyal visited London. We discussed ways to progress the negotiations and the wider UK and India trade relationship. We spoke about a range of policy areas including Goods, Rules of Origin, Services and Investment.

The UK-India trade relationship was worth £36 billion in 2022. A balanced deal which respects the domestic sensitives of both sides will strengthen the economic links between the UK and India, boosting the UK economy and bringing benefits to UK businesses, families and consumers.

My department continues to welcome 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 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nigel Huddleston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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