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Dear Angus,

As you are aware, the Government is working to secure continuity of the effects of EU trade agreements to enter into force at the end of the transition period.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office leads on sixteen Association Agreements, which cover political, cooperation and trading relations, and fall within the Government's Trade Agreements Continuity programme. I am writing to inform you that Her Majesty's Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Geoffrey Adams, signed the UK-Egypt Association Agreement on 05 December.

This agreement replicates as closely as possible the effects of the existing EU and Egypt Association Agreement. The agreement provides a framework for continued cooperation in political, economic, social and cultural matters, while also securing continued preferential trade between the UK and Egypt.

The agreement will now be subject to ratification, and we will therefore lay the agreement in Parliament for scrutiny in accordance with the requirements of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act as soon as possible.

We have kept the Devolved Administrations, Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories updated on the progress of discussions and shared a copy of the agreed in principle text with them.

I will keep you updated as further continuity trade agreements are signed.

I am copying this to the Chairs of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the House of Lords EU International Agreements Sub-Committee.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Cleverly', written in a cursive style.

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