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Dear Darren,

I am writing to update you and your committee on the twelfth 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 Delhi from 8-31 August. As with previous rounds, this was conducted in a hybrid fashion - a number of UK officials travelled to Delhi for negotiations and others attended virtually. Negotiations in this round were focussed on areas including goods, services, and investment.

On 24-26 August, I visited India to attend the final Trade and Investment Working Group during the Indian G20 Presidency. I met with the Honourable Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India, Piyush Goyal. We took stock of the negotiations and agreed ways to progress the negotiations, including agreeing to hold round thirteen in September.

The UK-India trade relationship was worth £36 billion in 2022. An ambitious and comprehensive deal 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.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kemi Badenoch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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