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**Change of UK co-chair arrangements on the Withdrawal Agreement Joint
Committee and Trade & Cooperation Agreement Partnership Council**

Dear Peter, Dear Bill

I am pleased to confirm that following my appointment as Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Affairs, I will serve as the UK's co-chair of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee (WAJC) and for the Trade & Cooperation Agreement Partnership Council. I can also reconfirm that Leo Docherty MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Europe at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office will continue to serve as the UK's alternate co-chair of the WAJC. As you may recall, section 15B of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 requires Ministers of the Crown to act as the UK's co-chair and alternate co-chair of the WAJC.

The Minister for Europe and I look forward to the continued cooperation my predecessor shared with yourselves and your committee in ensuring the effective scrutiny of the implementation and application of the Withdrawal Agreement and Trade & Cooperation Agreement.

I have copied this letter to Lord Jay, Chair of the Lords Sub-Committee on the Windsor Framework.

Yours,

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