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Dear William Wragg

Electoral Commission Chief Executive appointment

I am pleased to inform you that Vijay Rangarajan will join the Electoral Commission as our new Chief Executive on Monday 4 March.

Vijay joins the Commission from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, where he is currently Director General. He has worked in the role on climate, energy and the environment, global health and covid, and a wide range of countries. He served as the British Ambassador to Brazil and worked in the Ministry of Justice and Cabinet Office on electoral issues, leading the programme to establish individual electoral registration, and wider issues relating to political and constitutional reform of the UK.

Vijay will join the Commission as it prepares for a year of major electoral events, and supports the electoral community - including voters, administrators, parties and campaigners - to understand a number of recent changes introduced by the Elections Act, including the voter ID requirement, new voting rights for overseas voters and a new requirement for imprints on digital campaign materials.

He brings great range and depth of understanding of elections, independence and rigour in his thinking and a passion for democracy that will inspire colleagues across the Commission and more widely. I look forward to working closely with him.

Rob Vincent has been covering the Chief Executive role on in interim basis since December. Along with the rest of the Board, I am extremely grateful to Rob for stepping into the role for this period, and for his contributions as a Commissioner during his eight year term. His experience and expertise have been of great value to the organisation.

Yours sincerely,



John Pullinger
Chair