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Dear Baroness Sheehan,

Appointment of a Permanent Chair of the Climate Change Committee (CCC)

I am writing in response to your predecessor Baroness Parmineter's letter of 24th January 2024 regarding the appointment of a new permanent Chair of the Climate Change Committee.

The Government is committed to appointing a permanent Chair and places significant importance on successfully concluding this campaign.

Under the Climate Change Act 2008, appointments to the Climate Change Committee require joint agreement from the Government and the devolved administrations. Discussions are underway with the devolved administrations to ensure a permanent Chair is in place as soon as possible.

In the meantime, we have appointed an Interim Chair, Professor Piers Forster, allowing the Committee to continue its work and meet its legal requirements.

I hope you will find this reply helpful.

Yours ever,

RT HON CLAIRE COUTINHO MP
Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero