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Dear Peter,

As you know, the Secretary of State has this week signed an FTA with Singapore.

As the second-biggest deal the UK has signed in the Asia Pacific, the Singapore continuity agreement will provide a gateway to Asia for UK businesses, locking in the benefits of our existing trading relationship, worth £17.6bn last year.

It is the latest step in the UK's trade strategy to create a network of trade agreements with dynamic economies far beyond Europe, making the UK a hub for services and digital trade. The UK is already one of the world's biggest exporters of digital services, with more than £200bn worth of UK services delivered remotely in 2019.

The Singaporean Government is publishing in parallel a copy of the text of this FTA. We understand that timely parliamentary scrutiny is essential, and we wish to ensure that Parliament has as early sight as possible to preserve the convention that Parliament is the first to see text of any trade agreement we sign.

I am therefore enclosing a copy of the UK Singapore FTA. This will be formally laid under CRaG in coming days.

I look forward to further engagement on this agreement.

Yours sincerely,

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