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The Rt Hon Lord Peter Goldsmith KC
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Dear Peter,

Follow-up to the International Agreements Committee (IAC) 23 April Private Briefing on the UK Nigeria Enhanced Trade and Investment Partnership (ETIP)

I am writing to provide further information on the UK-Nigeria Enhanced Trade and Investment Partnership (ETIP), following a private briefing with officials and the International Agreements Committee (IAC) on the 23 April 2024.

Publication of the UK-Nigeria ETIP text

The full ETIP text has now been published on gov.uk and can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-and-nigeria-enhanced-trade-and-investment-partnership-arrangement/enhanced-trade-and-investment-partnership-arrangement-between-nigeria-and-the-united-kingdom>

EU- ECOWAS

There was a discussion on the EU's trading relationship with Nigeria. I can confirm that the EU-West Africa EPA has not yet been applied in any of the West African countries. It will enter into provisional application once all West African countries have signed, and two thirds of West African countries have ratified the Agreement.

As a result, EU member states trade with Nigeria on WTO terms, and this is also the case for the UK exporters. Nigerian exports benefit from the UK's Developing Countries Trading Scheme and the EU's Generalised System of Preferences.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Our priority is to make sure that the ETIP delivers value for UK businesses. As a result, we have ensured that monitoring and evaluation is an important part of the governance structures of the ETIP. This will include, but not be limited to, tracking the value of market access barrier resolution, export wins and wider bilateral trade indicators.

The committee will recognise that we are still in the early stages of implementation of the ETIP. We would be happy to update the committee in the future on this issue as we make progress with its implementation.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Johnson', with a horizontal line underneath.

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