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Dear Peter,

Thank you for your follow up letter of 30th April about the UK-Ukraine Security Cooperation Agreement, which I have read with interest.

The Government is committed to the principles of transparency and positive engagement with Parliament. We therefore gave careful consideration about how to handle this non-legally binding instrument (NBI), in line with the Cabinet Office's Guide to Parliamentary Work. This included a range of parliamentary options, including a WMS. In consultation with the Cabinet Office, we decided that the Prime Minister's statement was the appropriate way to highlight the Agreement to Parliament.

The approach we took is consistent with other expressions and statements of Government policy. The agreement with Ukraine is outside the requirements of the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (CRaG) and there is no convention that NBIs are routinely submitted to Parliament.

The Government has continued to engage with Parliament on support to Ukraine since the announcement of the Ukraine Security Agreement in January. In addition to the Prime Minister's initial statement, the Defence Secretary updated Parliament on 16th January with details of UK military support, which is the backbone of our assurances to Ukraine under the Security Co-operation Agreement. The Government has also responded to numerous questions and debates and made oral statements in both Houses on our activity on Russia/Ukraine, including following the second anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, where the Deputy Foreign Secretary, Minister Mitchell, set out the totality of UK support to Ukraine.

I remain committed to ensuring Parliament continues to be kept abreast of developments across this hugely important agenda.

*Yours,
David*