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Dear Peter,

### **EU FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL ATTENDANCE, 14 OCTOBER**

On 14 October I attended the EU's Foreign Affairs Council in Luxembourg at the invitation of EU Member States and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HRVP), Josep Borrell.

I wanted to draw your attention to a Written Ministerial Statement that I have laid today regarding my attendance at the Foreign Affairs Council, and that my colleague, the Minister for Latin America and the Caribbean, Baroness Chapman, has laid in the Lords. The HRVP and I agreed to establish a regular, six-monthly strategic dialogue, with the first meeting in early 2025 reflecting the importance of the foreign and security policy relationship between the UK and the EU and strengthening our cooperation in this difficult geopolitical context. In addition, we agreed to launch four new regular working groups on Russia/Ukraine, the Indo-Pacific, the Western Balkans and on Hybrid Threats. We also

agreed to advance work towards a formal security partnership to address common threats and challenges.

As I note in the Statement, this was the first time a UK Foreign Secretary has attended this meeting of EU Foreign Ministers in over two years. My visit, following that of the Prime Minister's to Brussels on 2 October, marks a significant moment in our reset with Europe and has established a course towards much enhanced cooperation to address common threats and challenges. My ministerial colleagues and I will be continuing this work over the coming months.

I have also written to the Chair of the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee by way of an update on this matter.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Lammy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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