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Dear Darren,

RE: UK Associate Membership of Horizon Europe

I am writing further to my response of 14 December 2020 to your letter regarding Horizon Europe association, in which I promised to update you once our negotiations with the EU had concluded.

I am pleased to say that we have agreed the terms on which to associate to Horizon Europe. This will further our ambition to become a global science superpower – continuing our valuable collaborations on science and research with our EU partners, for example to tackle global challenges. The terms we have agreed ensure our financial contribution is fair and appropriate and participation represents a real benefit to British people and industry.

Beyond funding for UK research and innovation, our participation will continue to give the UK access to cross-border networks, supply chains for new products and access to global talent.

At this moment, the EU regulation establishing Horizon Europe has not yet been finalised and our participation will begin once the Programme is up and running and the Protocol accompanying the Programmes association text has been agreed.

I continue to welcome your Committee's continued engagement with BEIS on its departmental priorities and I hope that my response is helpful to you.

I am also copying this letter to the Chair of the Science and Technology Committee and to the Chair of the European Scrutiny Committee for their information.

Yours sincerely,

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Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Minister for Science, Research and
Innovation