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Dear Lord Goldsmith,

Thank you for your letter of 14th March 2025 to the Foreign Secretary requesting an extension of the scrutiny period for the UK-Ukraine 100 Year Partnership Agreement as set out in the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act (CRAG). I am replying as the Minister responsible for Ukraine.

I agree on the importance of regular engagement and information sharing between the Government and your Committee to aid the scrutiny process. I feel we have a strong record of engagement with Parliament on the 100 Year Partnership so far. Ministerial colleagues gave Oral Statements in both Houses in January. I was also happy to brief the Committee on 12 March following an official-led briefing the week before.

However, we understand that recent political events have increased the level of Parliamentary interest in the Government's bilateral relationship with Ukraine. Given these exceptional circumstances, the Government therefore agrees to this extension to facilitate time for a debate in the Lords following Easter recess.

I am copying this reply to Baroness Chapman, as the Lords' Minister responsible for Ukraine. We will work through the usual channels on the arrangements for the debate.

Yours sincerely,

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