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Dear Liam,

Launch of UK-Taiwan Enhanced Trade Partnership Pillars on Investment, Digital Trade and Energy and Net Zero

I am pleased to inform you that the three 'Pillars' under the UK-Taiwan Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP), on Investment, Digital Trade, and Energy and Net Zero, will be signed on 30 June. The signing will take place between the UK Representative at the British Office Taipei, Ruth Bradley-Jones, and the Taipei Representative to the UK, Vincent Chin-Hsiang Yao. I will witness this signing alongside Executive Yuan Minister-without-Portfolio Jen-Ni Yang during an upcoming trip to Taiwan where I will also co-chair the 27th UK-Taiwan Trade Talks.

The ETP Pillars are non-legally binding arrangements that will create frameworks to further enhance trade, investment and economic cooperation between the UK and Taiwan and build on commitments made under the existing UK-Taiwan ETP signed on 14 November 2023. Their content has been informed by engagement with UK businesses, to ensure that they will deliver tangible results over time, supporting the already strong, long-standing trade relationship between the UK and Taiwan which was worth £9.3bn in the four quarters to the end of Q4 2024.

The number one priority of this Government is economic growth. The UK's Trade Strategy, launched yesterday (26 June), set out our approach to maximise trade opportunities to support the UK's growth mission. Utilising flexible trading arrangements and partnerships, like this ETP, demonstrates this Government's agile and targeted approach to trade policy, which will be key in driving UK growth.

I have enclosed a final copy of the ETP Pillar texts, which will be available on gov.uk on 30 June. The texts and the contents of this letter are strictly embargoed until 09:30 BST on 30 June. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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