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Dear Peter,

Update following round 2 of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement with Turkey

I am writing to update the International Agreements Committee on progress made in the second round of negotiations on an enhanced Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Turkey, which took place in London in the week commencing 17 September 2025.

Economic growth is our first mission in government and FTAs have an important role to play in achieving this. Trade between the UK and Turkey already stands at over £27.8 billion as of 2024. A stronger trade relationship with Turkey will contribute to jobs and prosperity in the UK.

Negotiations were productive, with positive progress being made in a number of areas:

Trade in Services

Constructive discussions were held on a range of key technical areas, including digital trade, financial and professional business services, as well as investment. The UK continues to seek commitments that will support opening new opportunities for services trade, which is not covered by the existing UK-Turkey FTA.

Trade in Goods

Turkey is a significant trading partner for the UK – our 16th largest trading partner in 2024. In that period, UK goods exports to Turkey were worth more than £6.1bn. During the second round of negotiations both sides discussed priorities for building on this baseline, and potential areas of growth. Talks focused on text proposals, as well as discussion of goods trade data covering recent years.

Sustainability and Collaboration

The round included further talks on Environment, Labour, and Anti-Corruption provisions, building on initial conversations held in Ankara during the first round of negotiations.

Both sides continued to assess scope for areas of cooperation, including reaffirming relevant international commitments and building on identified shared priorities.

Additional areas

Positive talks were also held on Dispute Settlement, Intellectual Property, Government Procurement, Customs, and Consumer Protection; productive initial discussions on Trade Remedies and Good Regulatory Practice also helped build a shared understanding of both countries' initial positions.

The UK will only ever sign a trade agreement which aligns with the UK's national interests, upholding our high standards across a range of sectors, including protections for the National Health Service.

My Chief Negotiator, Ilaria Regondi, would be pleased to attend a private briefing to provide the Committee with more detail on the discussions and progress more broadly, if and when this would be helpful. The third round of negotiations is expected to take place in late Autumn of 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Chris Bryant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a stylized "Bryant".

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