

The Rt Hon Liam Byrne MP
Chair, Business and Trade Committee
House of Commons
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Dear Liam,

Thank you for your letter with regards to our next steps for ratification of the UK-India FTA.

I'm happy to confirm that, subject to parliamentary time, we are seeking a debate for the UK-India FTA during the statutory Parliamentary scrutiny period, under the Constitutional Reform and Governance Act 2010 (CRaG), which is expected to commence on 19 January.

Any debate on the UK-India FTA would be conducted in accordance with the established procedures used for previous FTAs, taking the form of a "take note" general debate, and not a substantive motion. This approach reflects our ongoing non-statutory commitments to the Committee.

It is worth noting that this agreement will also require its implementing legislation to pass through Parliament before the agreement can enter into force. Parliamentarians will be able to scrutinise this in the usual way.

Once again, I would like to thank the committee for their engagement on the UK-India FTA as we seek to ratify the deal and support businesses to take full advantage of the agreement.

Yours sincerely,



Sir Chris Bryant MP
Minister of State for Trade
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