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Dear Peter,

Trade continuity agreement between the United Kingdom and Ghana

I am pleased to confirm that on 2 March, the United Kingdom and Ghana signed an Interim Trade Partnership Agreement. The Agreement secures tariff-free trade for Ghanaian exports and provides a platform for greater economic cooperation.

The Agreement supports a trading relationship worth £1.2bn and reinstates the terms of the Economic Partnership Agreement that was in place between the two sides when the United Kingdom was part of the European Union.

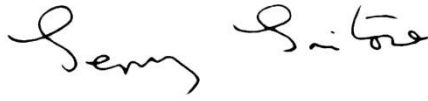
It means Ghanaian products including bananas, tinned tuna and cocoa will benefit from tariff-free access to the United Kingdom. British exports are also in line to benefit from tariff liberalisation, including machinery, electronics and chemical products.

The Agreement will support jobs, economic development and encourage export-led growth. Ghana's largest exports to the United Kingdom include mineral fuels and oil, preparations of fish, fruit, cocoa and cocoa preparations, while the United Kingdom's largest exports to Ghana include clothing/textiles, machinery and mechanical appliances, and chemical products.

The deal means the United Kingdom has now secured trade agreements with 66 non-EU countries, representing trade worth £217 billion in 2019. This accounts for 97% of the value of trade with non-EU countries that we set out to secure agreements with at the start of the trade continuity programme.

The Agreement text will be laid in the libraries of both Houses alongside an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and a Parliamentary Report, which will also be published on the gov.uk website.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grimstone', written in a cursive style.

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