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Dear Colin,

Many thanks for your letter dated 25 February 2021, regarding the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.

I understand your concern that the UK voice should be heard collectively and I note your request that the Northern Ireland Assembly should be represented within the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly.

Discussions about how the UK delegation to the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) would work are at an early stage but House of Commons colleagues are aware of your concerns. The PPA will come into being at some point after the ratification of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which as you know has been delayed following the extension of the period of provisional application until 30th April.

Regardless of the outcome of these discussions, the European Union Committee has always valued the close relations with the committees of the devolved legislatures, and I know the new European Affairs Committee and its sub-committee on the Protocol will want to continue these fruitful relationships.

I am copying this letter to Sir Oliver Heald MP.

Yours sincerely,



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