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Dear Peter,

Trade continuity agreement between the United Kingdom and Cameroon

I am pleased to confirm that, on 9th March, the United Kingdom and Cameroon signed an Economic Partnership Agreement. The agreement secures tariff-free trade for Cameroonian exports and provides a platform for greater economic cooperation.

The deal supports a trading relationship worth around £200 million, 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 will support jobs, economic development and encourage export-led growth. Cameroon's largest exports to the United Kingdom in 2019 included fruit – mostly bananas, nuts, and wood products – while British exporters sold over £50 million in goods to Cameroon in 2019.

Products from Cameroon, including bananas, will benefit from tariff-free access to the United Kingdom. For context, it may be of interest to know that our market accounts for 12% of all banana exports from Cameroon and this agreement will maintain tariff-free market access to our shores.

British exporters are in line to benefit from tariff liberalisation too, including in the sale of machinery and vehicles. To support economic growth and job creation in every corner of our country, you will know that the United Kingdom has now secured trade agreements with 66 countries, plus the EU, covering trade worth £890 billion in 2019.

The agreement text will be laid in the libraries of both Houses soon, alongside an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and a Parliamentary Report, which will be published on GOV.UK too.

Yours sincerely,

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

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