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Government Response to the Consultation on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs)

Dear Liam,

I am writing to inform you that today the Intellectual Property Office (IPO) has published the Government Response to the Consultation on Standard Essential Patents (SEPs).

SEPs are increasingly important to the UK economy and underpin many of the technologies that connect the digital world. Last year, the UK Government consulted on a range of possible measures to help the SEPs ecosystem work effectively and continue to support UK innovation and creativity, now and in the future.

After carefully considering responses from across the SEPs ecosystem, the UK Government is setting out a balanced, and proportionate package of targeted reforms to improve transparency and fairness in SEPs licensing.

We will continue to work with businesses, experts and international partners as this work develops. Our aim is clear: to ensure the UK's SEPs framework supports innovation, protects rights, and helps businesses of all sizes participate confidently in the technologies that will shape our future.

I have today laid the Government Response in Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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