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Dear Angus,

I am writing in response to your request for written evidence for the International Trade Committee's enquiry into International Trade and COP26.

From the outset I want to make clear that supporting the UK's COP Presidency objectives is a key priority for my department and that we are utilising our strong pre-existing domestic and international business networks to full effect on this agenda.

In addition, my department is working to utilise COP26 to promote the UK's investment, growth, and export agendas, ensuring that we maximise the economic and industrial opportunity afforded by the UK's presidency. Specifically, I see COP26 as a lever to:

- Drive green exports and investment,
- Support more resilient supply chains,
- Demonstrate the UK's international climate leadership, and
- Improve understanding of the role of trade in combatting climate change.

This agenda is being delivered through incorporating COP26 into my department's regular engagement with business and the delivery of clean growth-linked events both in the UK and overseas, co-ordinated by our central COP26 team.

In recognition of the prominence of these issues, the Board of Trade published a report on Green Trade in July, setting out the economic case for Green Trade and the opportunity for the UK to accelerate the global green transition by promoting free and fair green trade.

Thank you for your interest in how international trade and investment features within the COP26 agenda, and how the Government's trade and investment priorities align with those of COP26. Your committee set out several questions in your call for evidence, answers for which have been provided in Annex A.

Yours sincerely,

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