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Dear Darren,

Thank you for your question regarding the UK's international reporting during the EAC select committee meeting on 7 December 2021. You asked me to share more information about the depth of UK reporting, including what the UK has reported on in the past, what was agreed on reporting at COP26, and what will now be delivered.

Current UK reporting to the UNFCCC

The UK currently submits three reports to the UNFCCC, following the requirements established under the Convention:

- A Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory every year. This includes detailed information on the UK's greenhouse gas emissions dating back to 1990.
- A biennial report every two years. This contains information on progress towards achieving our emission reduction targets and the policies and measures we have taken to address climate change, including support provided to developing countries.
- A National Communication every 4 years. This report contains additional information on adaptation, research and systematic observations and education, training and public awareness. If due in the same year, then the biennial report is submitted within the National Communication.

By 31 December 2024, Parties will transition to a new Enhanced Transparency Framework for reporting on their individual progress towards the goals of the Paris Agreement. New reporting documents developed under the Enhanced Transparency Framework will supersede the Convention Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory and biennial report. National Communications will continue to be submitted.

Agreement at COP26

Through negotiations on the Enhanced Transparency Framework at COP26, Parties adopted:

- **Common reporting tables for the electronic reporting of national inventory reports.** Sixty tables for Parties' annual reporting of greenhouse gas emissions, covering seven gases across five sectors. These tables are based on the existing Greenhouse Gas emissions Inventory tables used by Annex I Parties to report under the Convention.
- **Common tabular formats for the electronic reporting of information necessary to track progress of nationally determined contributions (NDCs).** Thirteen entirely new tables for reporting information necessary to track progress for implementing and achieving NDCs. Through these tables, Parties will indicate progress made against targets with self-selected indicators, account for internationally transferred mitigation outcomes, as relevant to their NDC, and assess whether the NDC is achieved.
- **Common tabular formats for electronic reporting of information on financial, technology development and transfer and capacity building support.** Thirteen tables to report on support, including support provided and mobilised by developed countries (building on existing tables) and support needed and received by developing countries (the first time this information will be reported).
- **Reporting outlines for the biennial transparency report, national inventory document and technical expert review.** The structure of reporting documents that Parties are encouraged to use.
- **A training programme for technical experts.** Details of the training programme to be developed, which will be used to train technical experts to review Parties' biennial transparency reports.

The reporting tools and products that Parties will use for reporting under the Enhanced Transparency Framework must now be developed by the UNFCCC Secretariat. This should be completed by June 2024, in time for Parties to submit their first biennial transparency report by 31 December 2024 at the latest.

Much of the information that the UK will be required to report under the Enhanced Transparency Framework is already submitted by the UK to meet our existing obligations. However, some new information will be required, including on how the UK is making progress to meet its NDC.

Yours sincerely,



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