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Dear Dianne,

Embargoed Public Bundle - India Free Trade Agreement Negotiations

Ahead of the official launch of free trade agreement negotiations with the Government of India, please see attached embargoed copies of the public bundle, which comprises of:

1. Our outline approach to negotiations, setting out our objectives for the negotiations
2. A response to the public consultation on trade with India, setting out how it has informed our policy
3. The UK's strategic case for the UK-India Free Trade Agreement; setting out the UK's rationale for entering negotiations with India
4. A scoping assessment, providing a preliminary economic assessment of the impact of the agreement

The embargo on these documents will lift on 13 January 2022, when they will be published and placed in the house library.

The Government is committed to transparency and will ensure that Parliamentarians, UK citizens and businesses have access to information on our trade negotiations. I will ensure that relevant Senior Civil Service experts are available to brief the committee on these documents as required. I will write to all Peers on the launch of negotiations on 13 January 2022.

Best wishes,

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