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Dear Angus,

### **Update on UK-India Free Trade Agreement Negotiations**

I am writing to update you and your committee on the ongoing UK-India Free Trade Agreement negotiations which I launched alongside my counterpart Minister Piyush Goyal on 13 January.

Negotiating teams from the UK and India came together – virtually – for the first round of negotiations on 17 January. The first round of negotiations concluded on 28 January.

The conclusion of the first round marks a positive start to these negotiations. A Joint Outcome Statement from the Chief Negotiators, which provides more detail on the topics discussed, has been published and is available [here](#). I am making a Written Ministerial Statement today (Monday 31 January).

The second round of discussions is scheduled to begin on 7 March. It is the hope of both negotiating teams that some members will be able to meet in person at that point.

I note the launch of the committee's inquiry on trade negotiations with India and look forward to learning from your findings in due course.

I would like to reiterate the commitment made by my Department to make the Chief Negotiator and relevant Senior Civil Service experts available to brief the committee in private as negotiations progress. I would be happy to brief your committee on outcomes from the first round of UK-India negotiations, if you feel this would be useful.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Marie Trevelyan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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