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Dear Mick,

Inter-institutional Agreement - Intergovernmental Relations Review Ministerial Meetings

The Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) met in May this year and we agreed that work on the Intergovernmental Relations Review (IGRR) should resume. At our subsequent JMC(EN) in July we endorsed the progress that had been made on the Review, particularly on Dispute Avoidance and Resolution (DAR). At that meeting I called for the details to be finalised swiftly so that the outcomes of the review can be put into operation, and for efforts on IGR machinery proposals to be intensified. In order to continue discussions and bring speedy completion to the IGRR - now in its third year of review - JMC(EN) agreed that we would continue to finalise the details even through the summer recess.

Consequently, I am pleased to inform you that the IGR ministers met for the first time in a series of discussions focussing on DAR and machinery on 12 August.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister for the Constitution and Devolution, Chloe Smith MP, UK Government, with the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, Europe and External Affairs, Mike Russell MSP, Scottish Government and First Minister, Rt Hon Arlene Foster MLA, Northern Ireland Executive also in attendance.

Discussions at that meeting were positive and I welcome the long overdue progress being made. To continue momentum we will further consider the detail of these topics at meetings scheduled to take place on 8 and 10 September.

As previously indicated, I will provide more information on these developments when the discussions with the UK Government and other devolved Governments have concluded.

I have written similarly to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, David Rees MS.

Yours sincerely,

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