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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter of 25 August 2021.

As you know, we have been informally tasked by the authorities in our respective Houses to develop an agreed position on the establishment of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA). Discussions on the PPA between the two Houses and with the European Parliament are ongoing and we will keep you informed as the situation continues to develop.

All of us understand the importance of the UK's evolving relationship with the EU, including its impact on areas of devolved competence. We will therefore seek to involve the Scottish Parliament, the Northern Ireland Assembly and the Welsh Senedd in the work of the PPA and we will certainly wish to engage with you, as the Convener and Chairs of the relevant committees, to establish mutually appropriate ways for this engagement to work.

We look forward to our continued cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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