## Y Gwir Anrh/Rt Hon Mark Drakeford AS/MS Prif Weinidog Cymru/First Minister of Wales

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Dear Huw and Luke,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October 2023, reporting on the third meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly and for providing a summary of the Senedd's participation in it.

It is encouraging to read the Senedd and Welsh Government continue to actively engage in the UK-EU PPA meetings and the governance of the TCA, ensuring that those matters that are particularly important to Wales are reflected. The report on the outcomes of this meeting is very informative and helpful, as are the recommendations. It is particularly pleasing that UK participation in Horizon Europe has now been restored.

I am keen that your Committees and the Welsh Government should continue to work together to ensure the most effective input to the TCA processes to maximise Wales' interests in the UK-EU relationship. This is particularly true as we enter a period of institutional transition and the lead-up to the review of the TCA.

I look forward to your further update following the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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