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Dear David,

Further to my letter of 9 November, please find enclosed responses to your questions about the UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which is based on the EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) the UK is currently party to.

The CEPA is referred to as a 'continuity plus' agreement as both parties wished to maintain the preferential trading arrangements established by the EPA from 1 January 2021 whilst also seeking enhancement in areas of mutual interest. Our overriding priority was ensuring that any agreement secured was at least equivalent to the existing EPA and I am pleased this has been achieved, with some additional provisions in areas such as data and digital.

As you know our intention is to publish our assessment of CEPA and we are currently finalising this report. I am intending to share this with you this week, ahead of publication.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Miles', written in a cursive style.

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