

Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Dear Jenny

Protection of Classified Information: agreements UK/Estonia, UK/Latvia, UK/Belgium and UK/Italy

You will be aware that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee is responsible for monitoring the implementation of non-trade international agreements in the Sixth Senedd.

At our meeting on **13 September 2021** we considered four international agreements between the UK and individual EU Member States (UK/Estonia, UK/Latvia, UK/Belgium and UK/Italy) on the protection of classified information.

These agreements will provide a legal basis for the protection for any classified information exchanged between the UK and Estonia, Latvia, Belgium and Italy, which could include subjects such as defence, law enforcement, counter-terrorism and security.

During our consideration we agreed to draw the agreements to the attention of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, in relation to their implications, if any, for criminal justice agencies in Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair