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Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Dear Jenny

Agreement between the UK and Italy on the mutual recognition of driving licences for the purposes of exchange

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.

During our meeting on 13 February 2023 we considered the agreement between the UK and Italy on the mutual recognition of driving licences for the purposes of exchange.

The agreement provides for UK license holders who are already resident in Italy, or who become resident in future, the right to exchange their UK driving licence without the need to take further practical or theory driving tests. Under the agreement, the same treatment would apply to Italian license holders who are already resident in the UK, or who become resident in future. Mutual recognition of driving licences with Italy was previously provided for by EU law, which ceased to apply when the UK left the EU.

During our consideration we agreed to draw the agreement to your attention, to inform your Committee's monitoring of the rights of EU citizens living in Wales after the UK's exit from the EU.

Our report on the agreement was laid today.

Yours sincerely,

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