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Chair, Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and  
International Relations Committee

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Dear Delyth,

**UK-Spain: Free Pursuit of Gainful Occupation by Dependants of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices**

As you are aware, 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 17 February 2025, we considered the agreement between the UK and Spain on the Free Pursuit of Gainful Occupation by Dependants of Members of Diplomatic Missions and Consular Offices. The purpose of this agreement is to allow dependent family members (spouses, partners or eligible children) of staff employed in UK diplomatic missions and consular posts to undertake gainful employment in Spain (and vice versa).

Although the agreement relates to international relations and employment policy within the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and the civil service, which are reserved matters, we agreed to draw the agreement to the attention of your Committee, in light of its international relations remit and ongoing scrutiny of matters arising from the UK's withdrawal from the EU.

Our latest report, which covers this agreement, was laid on 5 March 2025 and is available [here](#).



Yours sincerely,

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