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Dear Chairs,

I attended my first Ministerial forum for Trade meeting chaired by Greg Hands, Minister for International Trade on the 9 December, updates were provided on the ongoing free trade agreement negotiations as well as the continuity negotiations.

I raised a number of specific issues about which the Welsh Government is concerned, including the formalisation of the concordat and the involvement of Devolved Governments in any working groups that are established as part of FTA agreements (particularly where they relate to devolved matters). The Minister for International Trade was open to further discussions on both these matters. It was agreed in relation to our role in working groups that officials will develop proposals.

I will write to you again to inform you of the date of the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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