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the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly  
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Dear Oliver,

### The UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

On behalf of my colleagues who represented the Senedd at the first meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, I wanted to extend our thanks to you, the Vice Chairs and your co-chairs in the European Parliament for organising a very successful first meeting, for extending the invitation to representatives from the Senedd and for the welcome provided to those Members who attended. I wish to also extend my thanks to all those involved in the secretariat on both sides for all their assistance.

I understand, as reported by Alun Davies MS to our Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, that the meeting not only offered an opportunity for honest dialogue and discussion on the currently difficulties facing UK-EU future relations, but also an opportunity to explore areas of extensive common interest and areas for future cooperation on subjects such as energy, climate change, research and, of course, our collective freedom and security.

As mentioned during the pre-meeting with you and UK Bureau Members, we look forward to building the relationship between the Senedd and the UK delegation and to further discussions on the best mechanisms for deepening this engagement. We hope in future meetings, on issues where it would be useful to share knowledge and hear of the positive work being undertaken on matters being

discussed (such as for example on climate and environmental policy), that room can be found in the agenda to allow representatives of the devolved legislatures to make direct contributions. We know from speaking to colleagues in the Committee of the Regions that they share this ambition, and we share a belief that hearing directly from representatives at this level will enrich and enhance the important discussions taking place.

I very much look forward to continuing discussions with you, the UK delegation and our colleagues in the European Parliament on the work of the Assembly.

I am copying this letter to the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP and the Earl of Kinnoull, Vice Chairs of the UK delegation; Nathalie Loiseau MEP, Chair of the European Parliament delegation; Alun Davies MS, member of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee; Paul Davies MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, and Sam Kurtz MS, a member of the Committee; the Rt Hon Elin Jones MS, Llywydd; and Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Scottish Parliament Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.