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Jenny Rathbone MS Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee

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Dear Jenny,

## The second meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) provides for the establishment of a UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) as part of its governance structures. The PPA plays an important role in overseeing the implementation of the TCA and any future UK-EU agreements.

It is the only body that can hold to account the Partnership Council, the body with overall responsibility for the TCA. It is made up of European Commission representatives and UK Government Ministers.

We represented the Senedd at the second meeting of the UK-EU PPA on 7-8 November. During this meeting the issue of citizens' rights was discussed and we were able to highlight the important work your Committee has done on this issue. We therefore wanted to draw your attention to our short report on the outcome of the proceedings and in particular the conclusions reached on citizens' rights.

Our report also made a number of recommendations on how the Senedd could make the most of the engagement opportunities presented by the PPA. These include:



- providing reports of matters of interest to other Senedd committees such as the Equality and Social Justice Committee; and
- working with Senedd committees to develop informal relationships with members of the UK and EU delegations to the PPA.

We hope to take this work forward in the new year in advance of the next meeting of the PPA in May 2023 and hope this report is of interest to your Committee in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

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