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Dear Paul, Huw

I am writing in accordance with the inter-institutional relations agreement, to inform you that I attended the Ministerial Forum for Trade on the 9 January.

The meeting was attended by Greg Hands, Minister of State for Trade Policy; Ivan McKee, Scottish Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise and representatives from the Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland offices of state. A joint communique regarding the meeting will be issued in due course.

We discussed the revised approach to information sharing between the UK government and Devolved Governments as well as updates on the ongoing trade negotiations, including India and CPTPP.

I welcomed the new arrangements for information sharing as an important step forward to enabling more constructive discussions. I am looking forward to seeing how this new process will operate.

The meeting provided me with the opportunity to give our views on the current negotiations with CPTPP, India and the GCC. I continued to emphasize our view that any trade agreement must support our wider policy aims, including in areas such as the environment and labour. I have always been clear that no trade deal should undermine the high standards we have here in Wales.

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

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Minister for Economy