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Dear Huw,

I am writing in response to your letter of 21 December reporting on the second meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, and the Senedd's involvement in it.

I completely agree that the TCA is of great importance to Wales, and that the Senedd and Welsh Government need to be actively engaged in its governance, because of our responsibilities for matters within its scope. The Welsh Government also recognises that the wider UK-EU relationship remains vital to the future of Wales, and the rest of the UK, and I am keen that Wales should be actively involved in fora of this kind as much as possible to help develop that positively. I note particularly the recommendation on energy co-operation which must improve, particularly given our huge challenges on climate matters and the current geopolitical situation.

I look forward to your continued engagement in the PPA and to active co-operation between the Senedd and the Welsh Government to support this.

Yours sincerely,

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