

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS
First Minister

21 December 2022

Dear Mark

The second meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

As you will be aware the Trade and Cooperation Agreement provided for the establishment of a UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA). The PPA plays an important role in overseeing the implementation of the TCA and any future UK-EU Agreements.

We represented the Senedd at the second meeting of the UK-EU PPA on 7-8 November. During this meeting the PPA adopted its first recommendation to the TCA Partnership Council on energy cooperation: an area of significant interest to Wales. It also held important discussions on issues such as the Northern Ireland Protocol, citizens' rights, funding of research and innovation, and the impact of Brexit on touring artists.

During the meeting we were able to emphasise the TCA's importance to Wales and raise awareness of role of the Welsh Government and the Senedd in its implementation. We also drew attention to the work being done in the Senedd and more widely in Wales on these issues.

We are writing to draw your attention to our short report on the outcomes of the meeting and our proposals for strengthening engagement between the Senedd and the PPA in future. We hope the issues discussed will be of interest to you and we propose to continue to keep the Welsh Government

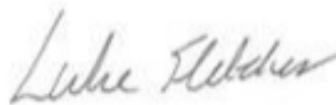
updated of the Senedd's work with the PPA and any areas discussed of particular importance to Wales.

We eagerly await the response of the UK Government and the European Commission to the recommendation made by the PPA and hope to receive this response in January 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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Luke Fletcher
Member
Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

