

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister

18 October 2023

The third meeting of the UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

Dear Mark,

As you will be aware, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) provided for the establishment of a UK-EU Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA). The PPA oversees the implementation of the TCA and any future UK-EU Agreements.

We represented the Senedd at the third meeting of the UK-EU PPA on 3-4 July. During this meeting, the PPA held important discussions on issues such as the Northern Ireland Protocol and the Windsor Framework, the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Financial Services, securing energy supplies, climate cooperation, UK access to the Horizon research programme, improving citizens' mobility between the UK and EU, and including citizen voices through civil society cooperation.

A number of recommendations were made to the TCA Partnership Council during this session which include:

- A reiteration of a recommendation from the breakout group on mobility previously made to the TCA that the EU and the UK should negotiate a comprehensive agreement to allow artists to tour and work in the EU and the UK; and
- The PPA reiterated its unwavering condemnation of the war in Ukraine, its support for Ukraine and the need for cooperation between the EU and the UK particularly in



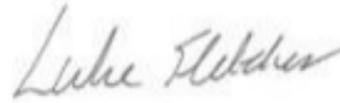
relation to an effective sanctions policy. It also called for an 'intensification of dialogue' on avenues for future cooperation and coordination on foreign and security related matters in general between the UK and the EU. It has asked the Partnership Council to report back on its recommendation before the next meeting in December 2023.

We are writing to you to draw your attention to our short report on the outcomes of the meeting. We hope the issues discussed will be of interest to you and we will continue to keep the Welsh Government updated of the Senedd's work with the PPA and any areas discussed of particular importance to Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair  
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