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Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and  
International Relations Committee  
Senedd Cymru  
Cardiff  
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Dear Chair,

### **Response to Committee Report & Recommendation — Wales-Ireland Relations**



The Senedd BIPA Delegation welcomes the consideration of British Irish Parliamentary Assembly (BIPA) as part of this inquiry into Wales-Ireland relations and the recognition of its important role in facilitating these relationships. The delegation also welcomes the opportunity to discuss its BIPA involvement with the Committee.

The delegation will consider ways in which BIPA's work can be fed back to Senedd Business, including through committees. This is currently an active discussion owing to the BIPA Steering Committee's work on the strategic direction of the Assembly, which made suggestions around annual reporting of Committee work to inform debates in participating legislatures, and the communication of BIPA Committee reports to appropriate committees in each legislature. We anticipate this dialogue will continue at our next Plenary, as will discussions around increasing or reviewing the mandates of BIPA Committees.



We're aware that in implementing the Commission's International Framework, officials are seeking to coordinate international activity, including that of BIPA, in a way that is aligned with Senedd Business. The BIPA delegation is conscious of its role in facilitating the effective coordination of resources to support the Senedd's needs and the Commission's strategic aims and priorities.



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The Senedd Delegation will reflect on the Committee's recommendation relating to filling the vacant position, and consider, in light of ongoing BIPA discussions, the implications of any proposed changes to BIPA Committees for the delegation and associated Committee membership.

Yours sincerely,

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