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Dear Oliver,

Cancellation of the 5th meeting of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

We note the recent correspondence to you from colleagues in Senedd Cymru dated 20 March 2024. We agree with the views expressed in Huw's letter and also regret the cancellation of the 5th meeting of the PPA especially at such short notice. In particular, we agree that in order to avoid a similar situation in future, it would be of assistance to us to understand on what basis the decision was made and why it was not possible to put alternative arrangements in place. We also agree there is a need to ensure procedures are put in place to avoid a similar situation in future. In our view, this should involve appropriate levels of consultation with the devolved legislatures.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca Davies, Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Senedd Cymru and Paula Bradshaw MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly's Committee for The Executive Office.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee