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Dear Delyth

I am writing in response to your letter regarding the UK-Ukraine 100 Year Partnership Agreement.

The Treaty, and a supporting Declaration, signed in January 2025, provides a framing for the intended areas of cooperation between the UK and Ukraine. The Declaration captures high-level activities and political commitments across nine 'pillars', some of which are outside the competence of the devolved administrations.

This is a UK Government-led agreement, reflecting the closer relationship the UK has developed with Ukraine since the start of the unprovoked and illegal invasion by Russia.

The Welsh Government was consulted on a near-final draft of the Declaration and secured amendments to ensure Wales can contribute to its delivery across devolved areas, where time and resources allow. I am not aware that the UK Government has allocated funding towards the delivery of the Declaration, outside of the named commitment on military assistance. I would therefore fully expect any proposed Welsh Government involvement in co-operation projects to go through the relevant Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers for approval.

Officials attend quarterly updates on the implementation of the partnership agreement and the UK Government Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has recently established the UK-Ukraine Local Authority Partnership Contact Group, with the WLGA as a member representing Welsh local authorities.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and responding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

If Welsh organisations or delivery partners want to be involved in co-operation projects under the Declaration, they can go through the relevant UK Government department, and officials can help with signposting if required.

The Welsh Government's overarching position on Ukraine is clear. I issued a Written Statement in March which reaffirmed our unwavering support to Ukraine and its people. I am pleased that through our international engagement activity, we have continued to build relations with colleagues and partners in the country. Since the start of the conflict, Academi Heddwch and the Wales Centre for International Affairs held a discussion and making resources available to understand and discuss the conflict. Wales Arts International and British Council Wales facilitated an online session last year to nurture cultural exchanges in partnership with the Ukrainian Cultural Foundation and the Ukrainian Institute following a delegation who visited Wales to explore connections.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. E. Morgan".

Eluned Morgan