

The Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP  
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth  
and Development Affairs  
UK Government

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## **UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation**

Dear Secretary of State,

As part of the Senedd's dedicated treaty scrutiny process, the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee referred the UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation, laid in the UK Parliament in January, to this Committee on 17 February. The Treaty has important implications for UK and Wales' international relations and covers devolved areas within our remit, such as culture. The UK Government's Explanatory Memorandum confirms that the Welsh Government was consulted on the Treaty, but no further detail is provided.

In light of the above, and given that Germany is identified in the Welsh Government's International Strategy as one of three priority country relationships, we agreed to request further clarification of how the UK Government involved the Welsh Government in the Treaty's negotiation and conclusion, including which Ministers and Welsh Government departments were consulted by UK Government Ministers and departments. In addition, we would be grateful if you could provide us with information on the following:

- whether the Welsh Government had the opportunity to suggest priorities and/or amendments and confirmation of whether they were incorporated by the UK Government;
- more information on steps taken to implement the Treaty, or to prepare for implementation, including in devolved areas;
- how the new UK arrangements will work alongside existing Welsh Government arrangements;



- whether the devolved governments will be represented at the UK-Germany Cultural Commission,
- confirmation of whether and how the UK Government will obtain the views of the Welsh Government to inform bilateral discussions with Germany; and
- which domestic intergovernmental forums, if any, will be used to discuss UK implementation, such as Interministerial Groups (IMGs).

The Committee has also written to the Welsh Government for clarification of the above.

Given the fast-approaching end of the Sixth Senedd, we would be grateful to receive a response by Friday 27 March.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.