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Dear Mick,

I am writing to inform you, as per the inter-institutional relations agreement, that on 10 October 2019, I will attend the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations).

The meeting will discuss Exit Readiness, EU negotiations and the common frameworks.

I will explain our view that faced by a choice between a no deal Brexit and remaining in the EU, we will campaign to remain and that we believe a referendum is now needed to resolve the impasse. I will be pressing the UK Government for details of any discussions between the UK Government and the EU on the latest proposals and the next steps for either agreeing a deal or seeking an extension to the article 50 process as set out in legislation if a deal is not agreed.

In terms of readiness, I have always been clear that a 'no deal' would be catastrophic for Wales and the whole of the UK. As long as the risk of no deal remains, the Welsh Government will continue to do all that we can to prepare. Our Action Plan, published on 16 September, sets out a set of strategic risks which may arise if we leave without a deal, and the actions we are taking to try and mitigate these impacts. But I will again underline that it is simply not possible to mitigate all of the consequences.

I would also reinforce the importance of the UK Government not only sharing information with us, but engaging with us in a meaningful, rather than superficial way. We will also need them to make available additional funding to support the range of actions to prepare for, and mitigate the impacts of a no deal Brexit.

I will continue to call for the devolved administrations to be represented in UK negotiating teams and stress our commitment to ensure that UK negotiating positions should not normally be advanced with the EU without the agreement of the Devolved Administrations for those matters within our competence. Furthermore I will press the need for rapid progress of the Dunlop review.

I will reaffirm the central role to be played by the common frameworks and the expectation that all of the Frameworks will be completed by the end of 2020.

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

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee (EAAL).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Miles', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

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