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Dear Oliver,

Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA)

Further to your offer to discuss the agenda of the first PPA, myself and the Deputy Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, as the Scottish Parliament's two observers, ask that the following issues are raised during the plenary discussion.

At agenda item 4 in relation to seeking and sharing relevant information from the Partnership Council we note that in our recent report on the UK internal market that "there is a risk of a lack of transparency and Ministerial accountability is the operation of the TCA including the EU-UK Partnership Council (PC) and the Specialised Committees (SCs)."¹

We recommended that a formal parliamentary process needs to be developed in relation to the communication to the Scottish Parliament of binding decisions of the Partnership Council and the Specialised Committees which relate to matters within devolved competence.

It would be helpful if the PPA plenary could discuss respective developments in both the European Parliament and the UK Parliament in working towards robust parliamentary scrutiny processes which will ensure the transparency and accountability of the operation of the Partnership Council and the Specialised Committees. It would be helpful if the discussion could include consideration of the

¹ [UK Internal Market Inquiry \(azureedge.net\)](https://www.azureedge.net)

levels of information which the Partnership Council and the Specialised Committees are required to provide to both the European Parliament and the UK Parliament.

From a UK perspective it would also be helpful to consider how this information will be relayed to the devolved legislatures in areas of devolved competence.

At Agenda item 6 in relation to the war in Ukraine our Committee has been considering the impact of the conflict on Ukrainian seasonal workers.

It would be helpful if the PPA could consider how future UK-EU co-operation on the war in Ukraine might address the impact on seasonal workers.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Adamson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clare Adamson, Chair of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, Scottish Parliament