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Dear Edward

In the previous Parliamentary session, the then Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform wrote to the then ECCLR Committee on 14 December 2020 with a summary of the proposed Common Framework on Resources and Waste. I am now writing to you to share the text of the provisional Resources and Waste Framework with your Committee.

My officials, together with their counterparts in the UK Government, Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Executive have been working jointly to develop the Resources and Waste Framework. This Framework was impacted by resourcing constraints in the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which is the reason for the delay in proceeding with scrutiny. The provisional Framework was confirmed by the portfolio Ministers of the four governments in November 2022. I am sharing this provisional Framework for your Committee to scrutinise.

The provisional Framework consists of a Framework Outline Agreement and Concordat. Please find an updated cover page attached, with the Framework Outline Agreement and Concordat included as annexes. My officials are happy to provide any further information if that would be helpful.

I am copying this letter and all attachments to Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee due to the Committee's interest in the overall UK Common Framework programme. I am also copying this letter and all

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attachments to Finlay Carson MSP, Convener of the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee due to the Committee's interest in Common Frameworks in this area.

Kind regards

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