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Dear Ms Hagmann,

Follow-up to Human Rights Roundtable on 17th September

I write to follow up to the Scottish Human Rights Commission (SHRC)'s attendance at the human rights roundtable session hosted by your Committee on the 17th September 2026.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to attend and to share with your Committee our priority human rights concerns as the National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) for Scotland. The SHRC looks forward to continuing to work with the Equality, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee as this Session of Parliament progresses.

At the roundtable session, I committed to sharing with you the newly signed Strategic Framework Agreement (SFA) between the SHRC and the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). This document replaces the earlier Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations, which was initially adopted in 2009, and last reviewed in 2016. The new SFA, approved by the Members of each Commission and signed by the Chair of each organisation in Edinburgh on 16th September 2026, provides clarity about our distinct respective human rights and equalities mandates, and how we liaise to ensure that these are deployed in the best interests of the people of Scotland. You can find this Agreement [here](#).

As ever, my team would be happy to assist if you require any further information from the SHRC on this or other human rights matters in Scotland.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Savage,
Executive Director, Scottish Human Rights Commission