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Dear Convener

In line with the Written Agreement on Inter-Governmental Relations between the Scottish Parliament and the Scottish Government, I am writing to inform you that the first meeting of the newly established Ministerial Forum (EU Negotiations) will take place on Thursday 24 May in Edinburgh. The creation of this Ministerial Forum was agreed at the last JMC (EN) on 2 May 2018. The Forum will sit beneath and feed into discussions at the JMC (EN) specifically in relation to UK positions for the EU-UK Future Relationship.

The meeting will be co- chaired by Chloe Smith, Parliamentary Secretary (Minister for the Constitution) in the Cabinet Office and Robin Walker MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Exiting the European Union, and will be attended by representatives from the UK Government, the Northern Ireland Executive and Welsh Government.

I am unable to provide a detailed agenda for this meeting but I do expect to use this opportunity to discuss the role of the Ministerial Forum going forward, and how the Scottish Government will be involved in the preparation of the UK Government's White Paper on EU exit, expected in June.

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