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Chère Nathalie,

Cancellation of the 5th meeting of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

It was with deep regret that we were informed by the UK delegation on 11 March of the decision to cancel the fifth meeting of the Parliamentary Partnership Assembly (PPA) to be held from 18 to 19 March due to the scheduling of business by the UK Government in the House of Commons that prevented Members of Parliament travelling to Brussels.

Senedd Members were very much looking forward to further constructive and insightful conversations with our European and UK colleagues, as I am sure were the European delegation. It is a lost opportunity for meaningful engagement between both sides.

As we are unable now to meet in person before the European Parliament elections, I wanted to extend my thanks to you as Co-Chair and to the European Parliament's delegation for their support, friendship and willingness to engage with the Senedd both within the formal structures of the PPA and more informally. It has been invaluable to us and is greatly appreciated. The PPA has evolved quickly to become a meaningful body for cooperation and the sharing of ideas and experiences between Parliamentarians from across the EU and UK.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish both you and delegation colleagues well in the upcoming election period and look forward to further joint working in future.

I am copying this letter to Clare Adamson MSP, Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Constitution, Europe, External Affairs and Culture Committee, Paula Bradshaw MLA, Chair of the Northern Ireland Assembly's Committee for The Executive Office and Sir Oliver Heald MP.

Best wishes,

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