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Your Excellency,

It is a pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to you on your appointment as Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs and to wish you a productive mandate and every success in the exercise of your task.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our Government's desire that during your mandate the friendly relations between Scotland and Catalonia will continue and be reinforced.

Yours sincerely,

Barcelona, 23<sup>th</sup> May 2016



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Ms Fiona Hyslop  
Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs  
St. Andrew's House, Regent Road  
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Dear Ms Fiona Hyslop,

Now, as in the referendum in 2014, I would like to express, on behalf of the Catalan Government, our explicit support to the democratically expressed will of the Scottish people.

In Catalonia we have always believed in and defended democracy and negotiation as the right ways to address and solve political issues. We know this is also the Scottish approach and we are confident that this course of action will eventually lead to satisfactory solutions.

In the hope that the voice of the Scots will be listened to in the United Kingdom and also in the European Union, I'm sure we will soon find the adequate occasion to discuss in person this and other matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

Raül Romeva i Rueda

Barcelona, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Mr Raul Romeva i Rueda  
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Dear Raul

Thank you for the letters addressed to myself and Dr Allan, Minister for International Development and Europe, regarding the result of the recent referendum on the UK's membership of the European Union.

The Scottish Government welcomes the strong and unequivocal message sent by the Scottish electorate following a positive campaign. We appreciate other parts of the United Kingdom expressed a different view but we strongly believe that the EU membership delivers many social, economic and cultural benefits.

The Scottish Government intends to raise awareness across Europe about Scotland's different choice in the referendum and about our aspiration to stay in the European Union.

I look forward to continuing working with you to strengthen our relationship over the period ahead.

Kind regards  
Fiona Hyslop

FIONA HYSLOP



Rt. Hon. Nicola Sturgeon MSP  
First Minister  
Government of Scotland  
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Dear First Minister,

On behalf of the Government of Catalonia and on my own, I would like to express my most sincere congratulations on your recent appointment as Prime Minister of Scotland, and convey my best wishes of success in the exercise of your duties as Head of Government during the current term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deep respect for the commitment and attitude of the Government of Scotland shown on the overall procedures related to the referendum of independence, giving a lesson of democracy and dialogue to the world.

Besides, our Government, through the Delegation of the Government to the United Kingdom and Ireland, wishes to intensify friendly relations between Scotland and Catalonia in order to strengthen our cooperation bonds, both bilaterally and within the framework of the European Union.

Wishing you the best of luck in this new period, please accept First Minister the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Artur Mas

Barcelona, 28 November 2014



El president  
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The Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP  
First Minister  
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St. Andrew's House  
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SCOTLAND

Dear First Minister,

On behalf of the Government of Catalonia, I would like to express my most sincere congratulations on the outstanding results obtained by the Scottish National Party (SNP) in the recent Parliamentary elections held in the United Kingdom.

I am confident that Scotland's voice and interests will be heard stronger than it has ever been before, with an SNP now as the third force at Westminster, with an historical record number of 56 MPs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deep respect for the commitment and attitude of the Government of Scotland shown on the overall procedures related to the referendum of independence, giving a lesson of democracy and dialogue to the world.

Sincerely yours,

Artur Mas

Barcelona, 11 May 2015

**Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP**  
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**Mr Artur Mas**  
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*Dear President Mas*

Thank you very much for your kind letter of 11 May 2015 regarding the outcome of the recent UK General Election.

The Scottish independence referendum was a great democratic, constitutional debate, held in line with principles agreed by the Scottish and UK Governments and conducted in a courteous and respectful manner. It prompted a remarkable response, resulting in a turn-out of 85 per cent, and placing Scotland in a very strong position as we now move towards a future that will devolve more meaningful powers to the Scottish Parliament. We are pleased to be able to highlight Scotland's referendum as an excellent example of democracy in action.

I look forward to building on the existing strong links between Scotland and Catalonia.

*With best wishes,  
Nicola Sturgeon*

**NICOLA STURGEON**



El president  
de la Generalitat de Catalunya

Rt Hon Nicola Sturgeon MSP  
*Priomh Mhinistear na h-Alba*  
Government of Scotland  
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SCOTLAND

Dear *Priomh Mhinistear*,

On behalf of the Government of Catalonia and on my own behalf, I would like to express our most sincere congratulations on your reelection as *Priomh Mhinistear na h-Alba*, and convey my best wishes of success in the exercise of your duties as Head of Government during the current term.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our deep respect for the commitment and attitude of the Government of Scotland on the overall procedures related to the process of independence of Scotland, giving a lesson of democracy and dialogue to the world.

Besides, our Government, through our Delegation to the United Kingdom and Ireland, wishes to intensify friendly relations between Scotland and Catalonia in order to strengthen our cooperation bonds, both bilaterally and within the framework of the European Union.

Wishing you the best in this new period, I take this occasion to convey to you, dear *Priomh Mhinistear*, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó

Barcelona, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

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Dear Donald

Thank you very much for your recent letter offering your congratulations for my re-election as First Minister.

I look forward to continuing working with you to strengthen our links over the period ahead.

With kind regards  
Nicola

NICOLA STURGEON