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Dear *Prìomh 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 *Prìomh 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 *Prìomh Mhinistear*, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Carles Puigdemont i Casamajó

Barcelona, 30th May 2016

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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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2017 18:12
To: First Minister
Subject: Thank you for your statement of support

Dear First Minister,

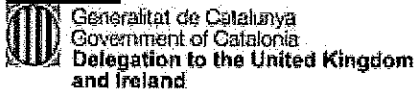
On behalf of the Head of the Delegation Sergi Marcén, thank you very much for your Government's statement of support to the Catalan people in their wish to exercise their democratic right to self-determination. The Government of Catalonia are truly humbled to have received a high volume of messages of support from all over the world, all of which call to uphold the principle of self-determination and respect the democratic will of the people of Catalonia to decide on their political future. Self-determination is democracy.

From the Catalan Government, we are committed to respect the will of the people of Catalonia in their demand to ask for a referendum to decide on their political future. It is our duty to respect that will, and act upon it upholding freedom and democracy. Furthermore, allow me to reiterate the democratic and pacific nature of our petition. This is why we have requested to hold a democratic referendum for self-determination on October 1st this year.

Thank you, once again, for your support. The Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the United Kingdom and Ireland is at your disposal to complement all the information you may need.

Kindest Regards,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2017 19:47
To: First Minister
Subject: Letter of gratitude

Dear First Minister,

On behalf of the Government of Catalonia, I would like to thank you for your message of support and encouragement in defense of the democratic principles and civil rights.

Under the pretext of defending a restricted interpretation of the Spanish Constitution, the Spanish Government has enforced an undeclared state of emergency resulting in an appalling breach of the rights and freedoms which the Spanish Constitution (SC) is meant to uphold.

In the last days, the paramilitary Spanish police, Guardia Civil, has entered and searched the offices of Catalan private newspapers and the Spanish postal service has been ordered to stop the distribution of magazines of private citizen associations and political parties (infringing freedom of information and press provided in art. 20 SC). At the same time, there have been attempts to suspend public events and political gatherings (infringing art. 21 SC on freedom of assembly), and letters sent by the Electoral Commission, Catalan institutions and parties have been confiscated (in contravention to art. 18 SC on secrecy of correspondence).

As you know, the situation reached a peak yesterday, 20 September, when the Spanish Government tried to suspend the financial autonomy of Catalonia and police forces raided the premises of 22 Catalan buildings, searched private homes and detained 14 public officials, in a blatant attack against the principle of self-Government and financial autonomy recognized in articles 137 and 156 SC.

In the current circumstances, the Catalan Government is now more determined than ever to provide the people of Catalonia with the opportunity to democratically choose their political future. Since this situation is very likely to increase in the next days, I kindly ask you to keep your commitment to the defense and promotion of democratic values.

Do not hesitate to contact us. We are at your complete disposal for any information you might need.

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