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Sent: 10 September 2019 15:04
To: Berge K (Kersti) <Kersti.Berge@gov.scot>; Hamilton C (Clare) <Clare.Hamilton@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted]; [Redacted]
Subject: PRIORITY - Prospective announcement of UK nomination to be host of COP26

Dear Kersti, Clare

It was a pleasure to meet you last week. I would like to thank you and your colleagues once again for hosting us. We thought it was a very helpful meeting which has created a strong basis for our future work together.

I wanted to let you know the latest state of play regarding our COP26 bid.

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We plan to announce the UK's nomination by WEOG publicly on gov.uk shortly after we receive confirmation from UKMIS this evening that no member of WEOG has objected to the nomination. This is likely to be some time between 5 and 6 pm.

Obviously, until we receive confirmation and the announcement is made, it is very important that this remain confidential [Redacted].

Please do not hesitate to come back to me or my colleagues (copied in) if you have any questions.

Best Wishes

Creon

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From the Cabinet Secretary

Leslie Evans
Permanent Secretary
Scottish Government
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30 August 2019

Dear Leslie,

COP26

Thank you for your letter of 19 August. There is clearly much enthusiasm in the UK and Scottish Governments about making this COP a success, which we will capitalise on.

Holding COP26 in Glasgow demonstrates our UK-wide commitment to tackling climate change. The UK Government intends to achieve a genuinely 'all of society' COP26 that will draw on the strengths of all parts of the UK and bring together stakeholders from across the country in a year of action that culminates in the summit in Glasgow.

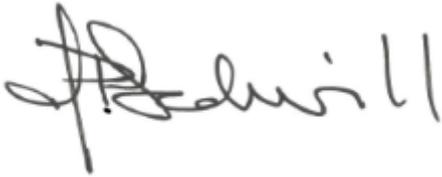
UK Government officials are already in contact with their Scottish Government counterparts, as well as with Police Scotland and Glasgow City Council, to establish how we can build a strong COP26 partnership to take forward the preparations. An officials' visit to Scotland will take place next week to kick this off. While we have yet to secure the COP26 Presidency formally, our agreement with the Italian government on a UK Presidency in partnership with Italy means that we have overwhelming support from the decision making group and we are making good progress in finalising our nomination. At the same time, the relatively short timeline means preparations for the Summit need to be progressed as quickly as possible. As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has asked Claire Perry to be the UK nominated President for COP26 and Peter Hill will shortly assume the role of CEO of the COP26 Unit - a substantial central team which will be based in the Cabinet Office and will run our Presidency.

COP26 is held under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The UK Government will represent all parts of the UK in the international negotiations at this forum. However, the UK negotiating teams at past COPs have included representation from Scottish Government and that should be the case again, irrespective of a Scottish city hosting the COP. Of course, many aspects of climate change are devolved or are dependent upon devolved delivery and it will clearly be essential for all four UK administrations to work together to deliver a successful UK COP Presidency.

[Redacted]

I look forward to working with you to deliver the successful UK COP26 that we all want to achieve.

Copies of this letter go to Jonathan Black (CO) and Peter Hill (No10).



MARK SEDWILL

Letter from Minister Dowden to Deputy First Minister – 28 August 2019.

Please find the letter attached.

Permanent Secretary
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Cabinet Secretary
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19 August 2019

Dear Mark

Thank you for your letter informing the Scottish Government of the UK's decision to nominate Glasgow as host city of UNFCCC COP26, should the UK be successful in its bid.

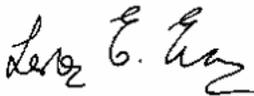
I am, of course, delighted with this decision, which recognises the leadership shown by all aspects of Scottish society in the endeavour to tackle climate change, the defining challenge of our time. Although, advanced notice would have allowed us to plan our various responses in a more considered manner. It is fitting that COP26 should take place in Glasgow, given the city's ambitions to address climate change, and that Scotland leads the UK action on climate change. As you will know, the Scottish Government has supported efforts to bring COP26 to the UK, and to Glasgow, which has an excellent reputation as a host city.

I can assure you that if the UK is successful, the world will be given a warm welcome in Scotland. Scotland's reputation as a world leader, augmented by new targets which will be the toughest in the world, presents a strong platform from which delegates at COP26 can reach agreement. I very much welcome your offer to establish how we can best build a strong COP26 partnership to take forward preparations. Scottish Government officials will need to play a meaningful role in the planning, assurance and delivery of the event and Scottish Ministers will expect to play a central role in leading and driving the negotiations at COP26. Your assurance on these points are welcome.

While I appreciate that the final decision on the UK's bid has not yet been taken, I would like UK Government officials engage early and seriously with their Scottish Government counterparts. The event will clearly have significant implications for Glasgow - and Scotland - and preparations need to start before December if the event is to be a success.

[Redacted]

I look forward to hearing back from you and to our teams working in partnership to make this prestigious event a success.



Leslie Evans
Permanent Secretary to the Scottish Government

From: [Redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

Sent: 12 August 2019 13:20

To: psmichaelgove@cabinetoffice.gov.uk

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Subject: Letter from John Swinney MSP

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster/PS

Please find attached a letter from the Deputy First Minister of Scotland.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

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12 August 2019

Dear Michael

UNFCCC COP 26

I welcome the announcement today by the UK Government that Glasgow will be the venue for UNFCCC COP26 should the UK be successful in its bid to host the negotiations.

As you will know, the Scottish Government has supported efforts to bring COP to the UK, and to Glasgow, which has an excellent reputation as a host city. I can assure you that if the UK is successful, the world will be given a warm welcome in Scotland.

It is of course natural that COP should take place in Glasgow given the city's ambitions to address climate change and that Scotland leads the UK action on climate change. Scotland's reputation as a world leader and our new targets which will be both the toughest in the UK and the toughest legislative targets in the world presents a strong platform from which delegates at COP can reach agreement. I would expect Scottish Ministers and officials to play a central role in both leading and driving the negotiations at COP.

I look forward to engaging with you on the preparations for COP and would also expect you to be working closely with Police Scotland, Glasgow City Council and other agencies in Scotland on the requirements of hosting such an event and the support you will be providing.

JOHN SWINNEY

cc
Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Humza Yousaf, Cabinet Secretary for Justice
Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council
Iain Livingstone, Chief Constable of Scotland
Oliver Dowden CBE MP, Minister for the Cabinet Office
Andrea Leadsom MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Claire Perry MP

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 09 August 2019 11:45
To: Evans L (Leslie) <Leslie.Evans@gov.scot>; Permanent Secretary <PermanentSecretary@gov.scot>
Cc: GDS Cabinet.Secretary <Cabinet.Secretary@cabinetoffice.gov.uk>
Subject: COP 26 Location

Dear Leslie,

Please find attached a letter from the Cabinet Secretary regarding the location of COP26.

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

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E: [Redacted] T: [Redacted] M: [Redacted]

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COP Letter from Cabinet Secretary

From the Cabinet Secretary

Ms Leslie Evans
Permanent Secretary
Scottish Government

09 August 2019

Dear Leslie,

UK BID FOR THE 26th CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP) TO THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE (UNFCCC)

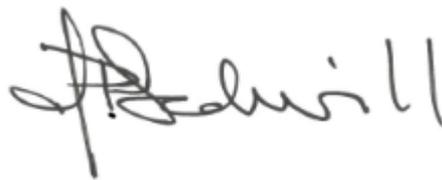
As you will be aware, we are continuing to press our case for the UK to be the host of COP26 in 2020. Recently, we reached an agreement with Italy to bid for the UK Presidency of COP26 in partnership with Italy. This has significantly increased the chances that our bid will be successful, although we are still in competition with Turkey for the WEOG nomination. I am delighted to inform you now that the Prime Minister has decided that, should we be successful in our campaign to host COP26, the Summit will be hosted at the Glasgow SEC at the end of 2020.

COP26 would be the biggest international political event hosted by the UK for over a decade. It is likely to involve up to 30,000 delegates over two weeks with up to 150 world leaders for the final weekend.

Hosting COP26 in Glasgow will demonstrate the UK-wide commitment to tackling climate change. It will give us the opportunity to achieve a genuine all-of-society COP26, bringing together stakeholders from across the UK.

As you will be aware, Glasgow has a global presence and proven track record of successfully delivering high-profile events, having hosted the Commonwealth Games in 2014 in the same venue. The SEC and Glasgow also provide the sustainability credentials demanded of a climate change summit.

I look forward to working closely with the Scottish Government and the Glasgow City Council to deliver a successful and ambitious UK COP26. My team will be in contact with your office at the earliest opportunity to establish how we can best build a strong COP26 partnership to take forward the preparations.



MARK SEDWILL

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 June 2019 18:50
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: COP 26 (o/s)

Hi [Redacted],

Apologies for not replying sooner, you're right, I was in Bonn. Also apologies for not giving a more official notification on the announcement. The situation became incredibly sensitive and fast-moving with Italy.

Very happy to catch up tomorrow, would 4 or 5pm work for you?

Kind regards,
[Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

International Economic Unit, NSS

E: [Redacted]

T: [Redacted] **M:** [Redacted]

On Wed, 19 Jun 2019 at 13:56, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi [Redacted]

We have obviously now seen the public announcement around the partnership with Italy – although would have preferred if formal communication of this could have been made. I assume that efforts are now underway to secure WEOG support and then UNFCCC agreement by end of the subsidiary bodies next week.

Just to say, and not trying to sound like a broken record, advanced notice that this is happening is important given our interest in this area. Particularly if there is an announcement on host city.

Perhaps we can catch up tomorrow AM if you are back from Bonn?

Thanks,

[Redacted] | [Redacted] | Decarbonisation Division | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change | Tel: [Redacted] | Mob: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]

Sent: 18 June 2019 12:28

To: [Redacted]

Subject: RE: COP 26 (o/s)

Hi

I think you must be out in Bonn, not sure if you are picking up emails. But also saw the below from Claire Perry today. It has been picked up by many across the SG. Any update is welcome.

Hope you are enjoying Germany, I loved Bonn as a city when I was there before. Hopefully you can see some of it.

<https://twitter.com/claireperrymp/status/1140940014152560643?s=21>

Best

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 17 June 2019 15:15
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: COP 26 (o/s)

Hi

Just saw the buzzfeed article - <https://www.buzzfeed.com/albertonardelli/the-uk-is-set-to-host-the-uns-flagship-climate-change>

Appreciate that it is media reporting and not official position. If there is an announcement forthcoming however, advanced sight would be welcome. Is the article correct in timeframes for an announcement this week?

Thanks,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 12 June 2019 18:22
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: COP 26 (o/s)

Thanks [Redacted]. That's really helpful to understand. We will definitely want to pick this up much more substantially once / if we win the bid.

In the meantime, as discussed, as we lead up to the intersessional the situation is increasingly sensitive, so grateful if nothing could be shared any further. But I will of course keep you updated and feel free to drop me a call at any point!

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
International Economic Unit, NSS
E: [Redacted]
T: [Redacted] **M:** [Redacted]

On Wed, 12 Jun 2019 at 17:17, [Redacted] wrote:

Hi

Really great to speak earlier.

I just wanted to say that if it looks like Glasgow may be a front runner for host location that any decision should be taken following consultation with the Scottish Government formally – including consultation at Ministerial level.

This could involve consultation on practical arrangements, risks, and opportunities presented from holding such an important event in Scotland. Ministers will be interested in not only Scottish Government involvement, but also of

wider Scottish institutions. This could also involve discussions on how having officials based in Glasgow/Scotland could support delivery, as we will have established relationships with stakeholders who will be need to brought on board to deliver the event.

As I mentioned the Scottish Government is supportive of the bid, and would like to play our part in ensuring a successful and ambitious COP should the bidding process result in a positive UK outcome.

Best

[Redacted]

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