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Dear Ms Hyslop, Mr Machpherson,

Thank you for your letter and for highlighting Scotland's commitment to continue making a valuable contribution to the EU policy agenda.

I could not agree more with your views on refugee integration and the importance of legal migration for creating fair, prosperous and innovative societies. The new Pact on Migration and Asylum that we will present will seek to encapsulate these values – looking at migration from a holistic point of view and applying a whole-of-route approach, acknowledging that the internal and external aspects of migration are inextricable from one another. In particular, and as part of this work, the Commission intends to lead a new drive for integration and inclusion, by putting forward an action plan to create opportunities for everyone to take active part in our society, including all those who have chosen to make Europe their home.

Cooperation on security and migration will be an important part of the future relationship with the United Kingdom. The EU will negotiate in good faith, in the framework of the Political Declaration, with the aim of achieving the best possible outcome. For me it is clear that the EU and the UK share common values and many interests and that there are many areas where cooperation is and will be invaluable. I will do everything in my power to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely,



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