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**Nicola Sturgeon**  
First Minister of Scotland

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*Honourable First Minister,  
Dear Nicola,*

First and foremost, please allow me to express my sincere hope that both you and your entire family are in a good health and doing well.

Secondly and similarly highlighted I want to send my sincere congratulations to you and your party for this landslide victory. We all can learn from the commitment and work of the SNP.

As I made it clear earlier in the Scottish press as well: the saddening situation of Brexit was not made by the Scottish people and their voice has to be heard about Scotland's future. There is no question, that if Scotland wants to hold another independence referendum and stay (re-join) the EU, then Scotland is more than welcome in our common European community.

Dear First Minister,

Personally, I have long been a committed supporter of Scottish-Hungarian and Scottish-EU relations, which is why I was the first to join the "European Friends of Scotland" friendship group in the European Parliament. The Hungarian government has set up a consulate in Edinburgh for my personal intervention (which is a particularly great achievement from an opposition MEP, who basically opposes the policy of the current Hungarian government), which to my knowledge may soon be granted 'main-consulate' status.

I would be honoured to meet you in person soon and discuss what common points we can work together on. Please, let me know, how can we have this meeting. My team in Brussels is ready to cooperate on the details.

*Sincerely yours,*

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Dear Istvan Ujhelyi MEP,

Thank you for your kind letter of congratulations dated 9 May 2021. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the First Minister.

The First Minister is very grateful to once again be chosen to lead the government in Scotland, and at a time the country is faced with so many pressing challenges, from COVID recovery to achieving our climate ambitions, or from building a wellbeing economy across Scotland to demonstrating our commitment to the EU - we will set about rising to the occasion over the coming months.

Scotland remains an inclusive European nation and the Scottish Government will take every opportunity to contribute constructively to the work of the EU and its members, sharing our experience and expertise and learning from others. We will continue to maintain close links with member states, proactively engaging on shared challenges and opportunities wherever possible. The Scottish Government deeply values the support of the European Friends of Scotland group in the European Parliament and is committed to continuous work on strengthening relations between Scotland and the European Union.

Unfortunately, due to diary pressures, the First Minister is not able to meet at the present time, however, we would be keen to consider a meeting when the situation permits.

Yours sincerely

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