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**Subject:** Meeting Request - Independence White Paper and Institution Building

To the office of Angus Robertson

Dear Mr Robertson

With increased reporting in the press of progress being made on an independence White Paper, I would like to request, on behalf of Common Weal, a meeting with yourself, your office and/or the team working on the paper and the preparations for an independence campaign and referendum. In particular I would be interested to discuss preparations being made for institution building in the period immediately after a successful referendum and how this will feature in the White Paper.

As you may be aware, in 2018 Common Weal published our proposal, [How to Start a New Country](#), which covered this period and attempted to identify which institutions Scotland would need to build in order to start life as a viable, independent nation-state, how long it might take to build them and some indicative calculations on cost. We are keen that this research is fed into the preparations currently being made by the Scottish Government and are interested to know if similar work has been conducted in parallel.

I would be available to meet at a time and in a format (e.g. in person or virtual) of your convenience.

Regards  
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