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Subject: RE: SPAD VIEW - Spanish CG - Social

Apologies, adding Tom for sight as I misread the new guidance.

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Thanks!

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There's a Scottish and Spanish flag emoji but you're right they appear weird in email.

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Looks good, except querying what the flag after the Spanish one is? May just be the way it looks on mobile.

From: [redacted FOISA section 38(1)(b)]

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Subject: SPAD VIEW - Spanish CG - Social

Kevin, Ewan,

Please find below a tweet to mark FMs meeting with the Spanish CG today – wording agreed with policy colleagues.

Grateful for clearance by noon.

Thanks,

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es In their last meeting before Ignacio Cartagena leaves the @CGEspEdimburgo post in summer, First Minister @HumzaYousaf thanked him for working to increase engagement between Spanish authorities and @ScotGov, particularly around culture, renewables and population policy.

From: [redacted FOISA section 38(1)(b)]
Sent: 29/02/2024 16:56
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Subject: FW: meeting request with the First Minister

Good afternoon,

Please see below for a request by the Spanish Consul General to meet the First Minister at his earliest convenience.

I spoke to Ignacio on the phone today and explained he would be keen for the meeting [Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)] where he can talk to the FM about his time in Edinburgh (he will be moving post in the summer) and the work he has done with colleagues in SG.

Please let me know if there is any time available for this in the coming weeks.

Regards,

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From: Cartagena Núñez, Ignacio <ignacio.cartagena@maec.es>
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Cc: [redacted FOISA section 38(1)(b)]
Subject: meeting request with the First Minister

Dear Callum,

Hope you are doing well. I'm writing you because last Saturday I met the First Minister at event in commemoration of the Second Anniversary of war in Ukraine, at Edinburgh Castle. The FM suggested we could meet in the following weeks in order to catch up and talk about we have been doing over the last five years in specific sectors (transports, tourism, energy, education, culture, etc). I think it's an excellent idea and I'm most willing to meet him at his best convenience, so I'd like to ask you to make the necessary arrangements. I'll be permanently in Edinburgh till March 28th, were I intend to take one week off.

Best Regards

Ignacio

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Subject: Spain - Briefing - FM meeting Spanish Consul - 23 April 2024

Good afternoon,

Please find attached briefing for tomorrow's meeting with the Spanish Consul General, Ignacio Cartagena.

Please do not hesitate if you need anything further,

Kind regards,


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Attachment to above email

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BRIEFING FOR FIRST MINISTER

What	Meeting with Ignacio Cartagena, Spanish Consul General in Scotland
Where	Scottish Parliament
When	23 April 2024 – 16.30 – 17.15
Who	 <p><u>Ignacio Cartagena Núñez, Spanish Consul General in Edinburgh</u></p> <p>Ignacio Cartagena Núñez, a career diplomat, holds a PhD in Public International Law, a Diploma in Advanced European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges and a Masters in Energy Geopolitics from the Graduate Institute in Geneva.</p> <p>Throughout his career he has held various diplomatic posts in the Spanish Embassies in Rome, Tirana (Albania) and Moscow, as well as in the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva.</p>
Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acknowledge that the Consul General is due to leave post in the summer and thank him for his work in Scotland.- Spain is increasingly becoming a Hydrogen hub, how can we learn from their experience?- [Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)] The Scottish Government is committed to delivering a feminist approach in all of our international work. We were pleased to see the presentation of Spain's Action Plan for Feminist Foreign Policy in October and would welcome the chance to explore opportunities for collaboration and shared learning with the CG.- [Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

Supporting official	[redacted FOISA section 38(1)(b)] – European Relations
Briefing contents	ANNEX A – Steering brief ANNEX B – Hydrogen Briefing ANNEX C – Spain Country Profile ANNEX D - Feminist Approach to International Relations

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

Hydrogen Briefing

ANNEX B

Hydrogen Top lines

- Scotland has the resources, the people and the ambition to become a world leader in hydrogen production, and our Hydrogen Action Plan sets out how we will work collaboratively with the energy sector to drive progress over the coming years to 2026.
- Scotland is creating a hydrogen economy that will provide economic benefit and a renewable and low carbon source of energy to help meet our net zero ambitions.
- We were the first of the nations of the UK to publish a policy statement on hydrogen, setting out an ambition to generate 5GW of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen by 2030, and 25GW by 2045.
- These actions intend to help put Scotland on the pathway to becoming a leading nation by 2045 in the production of competitive and sustainable hydrogen as well as help securing Scotland's future as a centre of international excellence in areas such as innovation, skills and supply chain.

Spain's hydrogen ambitions

- In October 2020, Spain announced "Hydrogen Roadmap: a commitment to renewable hydrogen". The strategy is a follow up of the EU Hydrogen Strategy for a climate-neutral Europe by 2050.
- The roadmap sets out the opportunities and challenges for the development of a hydrogen sector, considering a market for the entire hydrogen value chain: production, storage/transport and usage.
- The roadmap targets a total electrolyser capacity target of Spain is 600 MW by 2024, increasing to 4 GW by 2030.
- In June 2023 a revised draft of Spain's National Energy and Climate Plan outlined increased green hydrogen targets. The climate strategy now sets a 2030 target of 11 GW for electrolysers, up from 4 GW. The Spanish Government plans to submit the finalised updated plan to the European Commission by June 2024.

Iberdrola's hydrogen projects in Spain

[Redaction FOISA section 33(1)(b)]

Hydrogen Valley of Catalonia

The Hydrogen Valley of Catalonia is based on previous work done by the Green Hydrogen Platform Southern Catalonia, created in October 2020 with the foundational purpose of bringing together all the agents that make up the value chain of green hydrogen and driving forward the understanding, production and implementation of this alternative source of energy. The project emerged as the regional response to the strategy launched by the European Commission in the summer of 2020 to reduce polluting emissions and strive for a climatically neutral Europe by the year 2050.

Currently, the Hydrogen Valley of Catalonia is already a fully consolidated strategic country initiative, and comprises over seventy companies, over half a hundred public institutions, fourteen associations and clusters, four chambers of commerce and fourteen centers of knowledge and research.

H2Med Pipeline project

Spain and France [Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)] will instead develop a hydrogen-only subsea pipeline between the Iberian Peninsula and western Europe, the countries have announced.



The pipeline, dubbed H2Med, will handle only green hydrogen — produced from renewable sources of energy — and will effectively supersede an earlier plan to complete a partially constructed gas pipeline connecting Catalonia to southern France.

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)] a new pipeline connecting Spain, Portugal and France will be developed to transport hydrogen and strengthen the Iberian Peninsula's role as “a major energy corridor”, European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen said in a press conference in Alicante on Friday. She was speaking alongside the prime ministers of the three European countries.

The pipeline is expected to cost €2.5 billion (\$2.6 billion) and could be developed as a European Union Project of Common Interest, which would allow expedited processing and access to EU funding, Sanchez said.

Under the plan, the pipeline would be operational by 2030. [Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(ii)]

Once operational, H2Med is expected to move up to 2 million tonnes per annum of hydrogen, equivalent to about 10% of the forecast EU annual consumption.

Iberdrola alliance with CAF (*Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles*)

Supplies green hydrogen to the railway sector and in passenger transport, located in Barcelona's Zona Franca, close to the city's airport, they began supplying green hydrogen to TMB (metropolitan buses) from Jan 2022, making it the first commercial and renewable hydrogen plant in Spain.

DEXA Country Profile

ANNEX C

Country Profile

Head of State: King Felipe VI
Prime Minister: Pedro Sanchez, (PSOE – Socialist party)
Government: Parliamentary Monarchy



Foreign Minister: José Manuel Albares
Ambassador to UK: Jose Pascual Marco
UK Ambassador: Hugh Elliot
Consul General: Ignacio Cartagena
Residents in Scotland: 6,000
Population: 47 million

Relations with Spain

Spain is an EU Big 6 and G20 partner and actively engages in the UN. Spain hosts the UK's largest consular network and there are some 18 million tourist visits from the UK to Spain annually. Spanish companies are major investors in the UK: from banking (Santander) to energy (Scottish Power/Iberdrola) and airports (AENA).

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

Domestic politics

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

Spain and the EU

[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]

Recent Engagement

- **22-25 April 2024: Ms Gougeon** visiting Barcelona for the Global Seafood Export and a number of other engagements, including the Director for Seafood in the Xunta de Galicia.
- **6 February 2024: FM** met online with Pere Aragones, President of Catalonia.
- **May 2023: Mr Lochhead** visited Madrid on a trade focused visit.
- **November 2022: Mr Robertson** visited Madrid and met a number of Spanish Government Ministers and officials including:
 - o Cabinet Undersecretary for Culture and Sports, Eduardo Fernandez Palomares
 - o Director General for Policies against depopulation, Juana Lopez Pagán
 - o Secretary of State for the European Union, Pascual Ignacio Navarro Ríos
- **25-27 April 2022 – Ms Gougeon** visited Catalonia, coinciding with the Seafood Expo Global in Barcelona and to follow up on discussions/policy connections from her meeting with Minister Jordà at COP26
- **Minister McKee** spoke at the Sustainable Tourism roundtable organised by the Spanish Consulate and the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in Edinburgh on **25 February 2022**.
- **September 2021:** Mr Robertson held an introductory meeting with Jose Pascual Marco, Spanish Ambassador to the UK.
- **COP26 2021:**
 - o **FFM** met Pere Aragones, President of Catalonia; Juan Moreno, President of Andalusia; and Arantxa Tapia, Minister for Economic Development, Sustainability and the Environment from the Basque Country. She also

shared a panel called “Getting Serious about the Green Economy” and had a short informal bilat with Teresa Ribera, Vice President and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge in the Spanish central Government.

- **Mr Matheson** met Arantxa Tapia, Minister for Economic Development, Sustainability and the Environment from the Basque Country.
- **Ms Forbes** met Vice-President of Govt of Catalonia and Minister for Digital Policies and Territory (Jordi Puigneró)
- **Ms Gougeon** met Ms Teresa Jordà, Minister of Climate Action, Food and Rural from Catalonia
- **Ms Macallan** met Arantxa Tapia, Minister for Economic Development, Sustainability and the Environment from the Basque Country.

Feminist Approach to International Relations

ANNEX D

Engagement with Spain

- Former Minister for Culture, Europe and International Development, Christina McKelvie met with Spanish Ambassador-at-Large for Feminist Foreign Policy, Maria Conde in November 2023 at the Reykjavik Global Forum on Gender Equality.
- We have welcomed recent engagement with relevant officials from the Spanish MFA on how we can work together and exchange best practice.

Spanish Action Plan 2023

The Plan presented by Albares adopts the dual conception of Feminist Foreign Policy: on the one hand, it integrates the gender perspective in all foreign policy actions and, on the other, it develops measures around Spain's five priorities in this area: women, peace and security; human rights; elimination of violence against women and girls; participation, and economic empowerment of women in all spheres of society.

The Plan provides for mechanisms for dialogue and coordination with different actors that play a crucial role in the implementation of this feminist policy, governmental and non-governmental, seeking to open institutional and political spaces to improve the comprehensive nature of foreign action.

Scottish Government Feminist Approach to International Relations

- Scottish Government have published our feminist approach to international relations, which outlines how SG will be ensuring the development and implementation of a feminist approach to all of our international work.
- We have set out four key areas of focus for our feminist approach:
 - a) International development and humanitarian;
 - b) Climate justice;
 - c) Trade; and
 - d) Peace and security.
- We want to make sure our international work is transformative, intersectional, equitable, participatory, consistent and accountable.

- This work will complement our domestic objective of addressing inequality in Scotland and ensuring that all of our work is grounded in the principles of equality, inclusion and human rights.
- Some of the immediate actions in this space include:
 - Support women’s organisations, feminist networks and other grassroots movements, including by providing platforms and resources for activists from marginalised groups and communities to learn and share expertise and meaningfully influence decision-making processes.
 - Take steps to ensure funding allocated by the Scottish Government is in line with feminist principles, and that it is accessible and flexible with proportionate oversight, particularly for small grants.
 - Engage in international knowledge exchange and policy partnerships, listening and learning from others while sharing and reflecting on progressive policies delivered and supported domestically, such as the Wellbeing Economy, community wealth building, period poverty, just transition and Scotland’s Equally Safe strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls.
 - Speak out for structural change. Scotland does not have the full powers of an independent state and the levers in the international sphere that come with that. However, we can, as we did with our commitment to loss and damage, seek to act as a bridge to amplify voices that are too rarely heard.
- We will now consider other actions in the four themes.

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EU ENGAGEMENT REPORT	
Minister	First Minister (FM)
Type of engagement	Meeting with the Spanish Consul General Ignacio Cartagena Núñez (IC) at the Scottish Parliament.
Date	23 April 2024
Key points	<p>FM welcomed IC to Parliament and thanks him for his continued support.</p> <p>[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]</p> <p>IC noted that Mr Robertson’s visit to Spain in 2022 was very valuable for both the Scottish and Spanish government and that it was a clear example of a pragmatic relationship in which policy exchange is prioritised.</p> <p>FM noted that he sees the energy potential in Spain, with renewable energy and hydrogen especially. He believed we are only scratching the surface with renewables and that Spain would be a good country to learn from.</p> <p>IC noted that Scottish Power belongs to Iberdrola, a Spanish company, also Repsol has a gas plan in Orkney and are doing a great job with just transition.</p>

	<p>[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]</p> <p>IC noted that Spanish language is very important in many Scottish universities.</p> <p>[Redaction FOISA section 32(1)(a)(i)]</p> <p>IC explained that the Cervantes Institute is trying to promote languages in young people as well as cultural events relating to languages such as a spanish film festival for example that occurs every year.</p> <p>FM noted that youth mobility is incredibly important for the Scottish Government and we need to work on how we can bridge the gap that Brexit has left there.</p>
Comments	<p>An extremely warm and productive meeting.</p> <p>Officials to follow up with Ignacio on this meeting and a number of requests.</p>
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