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Dear Liz, Andy, Hugh, David, Graeme and Ross,

I am grateful to Scotland's business groups for issuing your joint statement on priorities following the outcome of the EU referendum vote. We had a productive dialogue at the roundtable event I hosted in Edinburgh on Tuesday 5 July, and the message from your organisations is clear. In order to find a way forward that is beneficial to Scotland and the whole of the UK, it is essential for the UK and Scottish Governments to work together - we need to act as Team UK. My priority is to ensure that Scottish voices and interests in business, and in every part of the community, are at the centre of the negotiation process.

To achieve this we will need a constructive and collaborative dialogue. Yesterday I had my second meeting with Fiona Hyslop to discuss these issues and next week I will be meeting with the First Minister of Scotland to take these discussions forward. Following that meeting, I am keen that the UK Government and the Scottish Government meet jointly with the business community in Scotland to continue the dialogue. Scotland does best when its two governments work together. By taking matters forward in this way, we can ensure that Scotland's voice is heard and act with common purpose in the interests of the economy in Scotland and the whole of the UK.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister of Scotland, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work and to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills.

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND**