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Dear Mr Barnier and Mr Raab,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Energy industry at this critical time for the Brexit negotiations, particularly as negotiations on the Future Relationship and Political Declaration are well underway.

The energy sector has a long history of collaboration between the countries of Europe. This cooperation has enabled available resources and capacity to be shared across borders to reduce costs, improve security of supply, better integrate renewable energy and achieve climate change targets.

This is something very specific to our sector and will need to be a significant feature in the UK's future relationship with the EU. For that reason, we, both European and British trade associations, are advocating for a comprehensive energy and climate chapter to be part of the future Free Trade Agreement.

To achieve this, and to ensure that we minimise impact on UK and EU citizens and give the industry certainty to carry out long term investments, we believe it is vital that any Political Declaration includes energy and climate change as key areas that are addressed directly. An indication that energy and climate change will be considered will help to give confidence to the industry in the EU and the UK and ensure that we are heading in the right direction in the new relationship.

We therefore suggest that the following text could be included for the mutual benefit of the UK and EU:

The UK and EU will negotiate a comprehensive relationship on energy trading and climate policy based on high alignment to ensure the continuation of co-operation in this key area of strategic interest for the mutual benefits of the UK and the EU,

ensuring both can continue to provide affordable, secure and sustainable energy to their citizens and businesses in a coordinated manner.

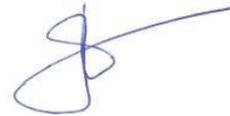
Our organisations would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and engage with your departments further on the Political Declaration to ensure that energy and climate change matters are considered.



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