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Dear Hilary,

**UK-ICELAND TRANSITIONAL MIGRATION MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING**

I am writing to inform you that we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Iceland on time-limited transitional migration arrangements that would come into operation if the deal with the EU is not ratified. These would operate until 31 December 2020.

As part of the MoU, Iceland has agreed to allow UK nationals to apply for a 36 month immigration status and to live, work, study and access benefits and services under Iceland's domestic arrangements from the point of submitting their application. Icelandic nationals will be allowed to enter the UK until 31 December 2020 under current arrangements and to apply for 36 months leave to remain under the European Temporary Leave to Remain scheme.

The MoU is not legally binding and will not be subject to domestic ratification processes. It was signed yesterday by Her Majesty's Ambassador to Iceland and was published on GOV.UK. We will be depositing a copy of the text in the House libraries along with a copy of this letter.

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