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*Dear Terje*

It was a pleasure to hold our very first meeting in person at the International Energy Agency Ministerial on 23 March.

Although our discussion took place during such troubling circumstances, I appreciate the opportunity we had to strengthen our ties as we address the short and long-term energy security challenges that this crisis has brought to the fore. I welcome Norway's sustained efforts to keep its gas production at maximum capacity beyond the winter months to support our collective response, and I look forward to further discussions on the longer term outlook for gas supply to Europe.

Putin's atrocities in Ukraine have starkly highlighted the need for European countries to work together to accelerate the shift to clean power generation and zero carbon economies. I see Norway as a key partner in this. Beyond decarbonising our oil and gas sectors, I hope we can strengthen our collaboration on CCS and hydrogen, and using our existing North Sea expertise and lengthy North Sea coastline ramp up development of offshore wind generation.

Here in the UK, we expect to become a net electricity exporter by as early as 2030 which I hope brings some reassurance around your concerns about the North Sea Link electricity interconnector. Our officials will be able to explore this further at the first Electricity Trade Cooperation Group meeting of our bilateral treaty on electricity trade and interconnection, and at the upcoming Senior Officials' Energy Dialogue between our two ministries led by Director General Joanna Whittington for BEIS.

In the coming days we will be publishing the UK's Energy Security Strategy to set out in more detail our own domestic approach to this challenging transition away from reliance on Russian oil and gas imports. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss our measures and to learn more about how we can work with Norway where we share similar ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

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