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The Rt Hon the Lord Wigley

By email

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Dear Dafydd,

I am writing to follow up on the question you raised during the recent Lords Oral Question on 5 March regarding the status of third countries associated to the Erasmus+ Programme.

It is correct that six 'third countries' – Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Republic of Türkiye, and Republic of Serbia – are associated to the Erasmus+ Programme and can fully take part in all its Actions. Erasmus+ grant beneficiaries can use up to 20% of funding for mobilities to non-associated countries all over the world, including the UK.

In addition, third countries not associated to the Programme, including the UK, can take part in certain Actions of the Programme, subject to specific criteria or conditions. However, we have no plans for rejoining the Erasmus+ Programme.

Thank you for taking the time to engage on this important topic. I will deposit a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

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