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Dear Prof Mężyk,

I hope you are well. As I hope you have now seen, there was great news last week which reopens an important pathway for unparalleled science and research cooperation between our two nations, as well as other European and international partners.

The United Kingdom and EU reached an agreement to associate to Horizon Europe and Copernicus programmes. We are pleased to see this shared dedication to fostering scientific innovation and research, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your officials for your support throughout the association process.

UK researchers are now able to apply for grants and bid to take part in projects under the Horizon programme, with certainty that the UK will be participating as a fully associated member for the remaining life of the programme to 2027.

As you are aware, the Horizon Europe programme is among the world's most ambitious and inclusive research and innovation endeavours, and our association will provide mutual benefits to the UK's research community, as well as the European Union and associated countries. Importantly, this association will enable the United Kingdom to continue to collaborate on leading-edge scientific research projects with esteemed international partners in Poland.

The UK have always been key partners in EU Research and Innovation Framework Programmes. Under the previous programme, Horizon 2020, it is testament to our partnership that the UK was among the top five collaborative partners for Poland with 1,023 joint projects. Despite the delay in our association, our current collaboration remains strong and I would like to continue to build on this across a range of pillars and clusters.

Researchers from our countries are already working together in order to develop new innovative solutions to address global challenges. One of such examples of collaboration under Horizon Europe Teaming for Excellence is RACE – RNA and Cell Biology – From Fundamental Research to Therapies, where a UK partner – Medical Research Council, Human Genetics Unit of the University of Edinburgh will help a Polish partner – International Institute of Molecular and Cell Biology in Warsaw (IIMCB) set up a world class Centre of Excellence in RNA and Cell Biology.



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I believe that our association with Horizon Europe opens new opportunities for Polish and British scientists to work together on ground-breaking research and I strongly encourage Poland to strengthen and renew links and partnership with the UK through Horizon and Copernicus.

Thank you again for your support, and I look forward to meeting you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Tyldesley'.

Jennifer Tyldesley