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Rt Hon. Boris Johnson  
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Dear Prime Minister

I look forward to discussions at the summit tomorrow on how our governments can find a new way of working together – on Covid recovery and more broadly – based on an ethos of partnership and respect.

As referenced in my reply to your original letter regarding the summit, I hope our dialogue can lead to a sorely needed, comprehensive reset of intergovernmental relations. There are immediate actions that will need to be taken to achieve this – notably, as outlined in my letter, in relation to the UK Internal Market Act, and the Intergovernmental Relations Review.

More broadly, there is a critical need for urgent and radical consideration of how the constitutional fabric of the UK needs to be reformed to provide a proper, stable basis of partnership for the voluntary association of nations which make up the UK.

In October 2019, the Welsh Government published a policy document “*Reforming our union: shared governance in the UK*” (<https://gov.wales/reforming-our-union-shared-governance-in-the-uk>) which aimed to stimulate a debate which was desperately needed then, and which simply cannot be delayed any longer. We will be publishing a refreshed version of this document in the coming weeks. Given that I will make reference to the document in our discussion tomorrow, I wanted to write to outline the context for doing so, and to draw your attention again to the document.

I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, the Secretary of State for Wales, the First Minister of Scotland, and the First Minister and deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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