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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter tendering your resignation as Minister of State at the Cabinet Office.

I was very sorry to receive it, given everything you have achieved and contributed to this Government for which I am very grateful. I particularly want to pay tribute to your unique contribution towards getting Brexit done. First, as my EU Sherpa to ensure a smooth withdrawal from the EU on 31 January 2020. Then, as the chief negotiator to secure the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, which fully restored the UK's sovereignty as we took back control of our laws, borders, money, trade and fisheries. Many said that it would be impossible to secure such a comprehensive agreement – the first zero tariff, zero quota deal the EU had ever agreed – in such short time, even before the COVID-19 pandemic struck. It simply would not have been possible without your relentless hard work, resolve and vision. You should be immensely proud of your historic service to this Government and this country.

After joining Cabinet as Minister of State at the Cabinet Office in March, you have helped oversee the implementation of the TCA, guided our relationship with the EU and pushed this Government to maximise the economic and political opportunities of Brexit. Crucially you have helped highlight and sought to address the destabilising impact the current operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol is having on communities in Northern Ireland, which is undermining the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and the territorial integrity of this country.

Once again, I am grateful for all you have achieved and hope that you will be able to serve this country again in the future.

Yours ever,
Boris

The Right Honourable The Lord Frost CMG