

JOINT MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (EU NEGOTIATIONS) COMMUNIQUE

13 November 2018

The fourteenth Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations) met today at the Cabinet Office in London. The meeting was chaired by the Rt Hon David Lidington MP, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office.

The attending Ministers were:

From the UK Government: the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office, Rt Hon David Lidington MP; the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker MP; the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Rt Hon Karen Bradley MP; the Secretary of State for Wales, Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP; the Secretary of State for Scotland, Rt Hon David Mundell MP and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, Suella Braverman MP.

From the Welsh Government: the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Mark Drakeford AM.

From the Scottish Government: the Cabinet Secretary for Government Business and Constitutional Relations, Michael Russell MSP.

Dr Andrew McCormick, Director General - International Relations from the Northern Ireland Civil Service attended the meeting in the continued absence of a Northern Ireland Executive.

The Chair opened the meeting by providing an update on negotiations, including further developments in relation to the Withdrawal Agreement and the Future Framework.

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, Robin Walker MP, summarised the Ministerial and official level engagement that had taken place since the Committee last met including the fifth meeting of the Ministerial Forum on EU Negotiations.

The Committee also discussed domestic issues. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Exiting the EU, Suella Braverman MP, provided an update on the EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill.

The Committee noted the ongoing engagement on common frameworks and operational readiness. The Committee also noted the European Union (Withdrawal) Act and Common Frameworks report laid before Parliament earlier that day.