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Dear [REDACTED]

The subject of CAP reform and the interlocking issues of Trade and Development policy have been the subject of much heightened attention in Brussels. As part of a series of discussions with a range of influential EU stakeholders I have been asked by Dr P I Gomes the Chairman of the ACP Committee on Sugar (and Ambassador for Guyana to the EU) to approach DEFRA to try and arrange a meeting to enable us to outline the interests and concerns of the ACP sugar suppliers. It is worth noting that the ACP Committee on Sugar now embraces all the former Sugar Protocol suppliers and the ACP LDC 's covered by the EBA arrangements . At present 30 countries are named on the annex to Regulation 828/09 but many more (including some non ACP LDC's) retain an interest in the outcome of current discussions

The intention would be that a small delegation of Brussels based Ambassadors and interested London based High Commissioners would seek such a meeting in London in early September. Having regard to the impact of Trade and Development issues on the ACP concerns it would seem appropriate if discussions could also include DIFD and Dept of Business(DTI) . May I leave you to decide if these meetings would be more appropriately held separately or in tandem

I should be grateful if you could let me know whether this could be arranged and also whether it would be possible to meet with the Minister . I have not been advised of any specific dates and you should therefore feel free to propose alternatives which are most convenient to you.

KInd Regards

Barry Newton