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The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Note 69/21 from the British High Commission Canberra dated 16 December 2021 which reads as follows:

“The British High Commission Canberra presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia and has the honour to refer to the discussions between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”) and the Government of Australia (collectively “the Participants”) concerning the signature of the Free Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Australia (“the Agreement”).

As a result of these discussions, the British High Commission has the honour to propose that the date of signature of the Agreement in the United Kingdom will be deemed to be 16th December 2021 and in Australia will be deemed to be 17th December 2021. The British High Commission has further the honour to propose that each signatory will sign the other Participant’s original copy of the Agreement as soon as possible after these dates.

If the above is acceptable to the Government of Australia, the British High Commission has further the honour to propose that this Note and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia’s reply to that effect will constitute an understanding between our two Governments.

The British High Commission Canberra avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia of the assurances of its highest consideration.”

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia has the honour to inform the British High Commission Canberra that its Government finds that the Understanding set out in its Note is acceptable and that its Note and this reply will place on record the understanding of our two Governments on this matter.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the British High Commission Canberra the assurances of its highest consideration.



CANBERRA
16 December 2021