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Mr. Juan Carlos Mathews Salazar
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Dear Minister Mathews,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing on this date of the *Protocol on the Accession of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership* (Protocol), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the Republic of Peru (Peru) and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (United Kingdom), during the course of negotiations on the Protocol with regard to Annex 26-A (Transparency and Procedural Fairness for Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Devices) contained in Chapter 26 (Transparency and Anti-Corruption) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement as incorporated into the *Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership*:

“The Parties recognise that, with regard to Article 2 (Principles) of Annex 26-A (Transparency and Procedural Fairness for Pharmaceutical Products and Medical Devices), it is understood that “high-quality health care” does not refer to specific final outcomes in a Party's health care system, including the selection of specific pharmaceutical products.”

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, equally valid in English and Spanish, will constitute a shared understanding between our two Governments, which will come into effect on the date on which the Protocol enters into force for both the United Kingdom and Peru.”

I have the further honour to confirm that your letter reflects the shared understanding reached between our two Governments during the course of the negotiations on the Protocol, and that your letter and this letter in reply, equally valid in English and Spanish, will constitute a shared understanding between the Government of the

United Kingdom and the Government of Peru, which will come into effect on the date on which the Protocol enters into force for both the United Kingdom and Peru.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary of State for Business & Trade and President of the Board of Trade
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