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to amend the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Albania

Tirana, 12 January and 12 June 2023

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*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
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AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED  
KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND  
THE REPUBLIC OF ALBANIA**

**Letter No. 1**

*British Embassy Tirana to the Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tirana*

*Tirana  
12 January 2023*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Republic of Albania, done at Tirana on 5 February 2021 (“the Agreement”), and to the recent discussions which have taken place between the representatives of the Government of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania concerning the amendment of certain provisions of the Agreement.

Consistent with these recent discussions, and pursuant to Article 11 of the Agreement, I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Agreement be amended by inserting the following after incorporated Article 74(5) of the Agreement, as a new Article 74(6):

‘74(6). This Article shall not apply to the procurement of publicly-funded clinical healthcare services. Clinical healthcare services include the following services:

- (a) Human health services (CPC 931);
- (b) Administrative healthcare services (CPC 91122); and
- (c) Supply services of nursing personnel and supply services of medical personnel (CPC 87206 and CPC 87209).

CPC means the Central Products Classification as set out in the Statistical Office of the United Nations, Statistical Papers, Series M, N° 77, CPC prov, 1991.’

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, I propose that this note and your reply to that effect shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which shall

enter into force on a date to be determined by the Parties in a further exchange of notes confirming completion of their respective internal procedures.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

## **Letter No. 2**

*Albanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the British Embassy Tirana*

*Tirana  
12 June 2023*

Your Excellency

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 12 January 2023 concerning the Partnership, Trade, and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Albania, done at Tirana on 5 February 2021 ("the Agreement"), which reads follows:

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of Albania, done at Tirana on 5 February 2021 ("the Agreement"), and to the recent discussions which have taken place between the representatives of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania concerning the amendment of certain provisions of the Agreement.

Consistent with these recent discussions, and pursuant to Article 11 of the Agreement, I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland that the Agreement be amended by inserting the following after incorporated Article 74(5) of the Agreement, as a new Article 74(6):

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- (a) Human health services (CPC 931);
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If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania, I propose that this note and your reply to that effect shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on a date to be determined by the Parties in a further exchange of notes confirming completion of their respective internal procedures.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration."

I have the honour to confirm that the aforementioned proposal is acceptable to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and that your note and this reply shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments in this matter, which shall enter into force on a date to be determined by the Parties in a further exchange of notes confirming completion of their respective internal procedures.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

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