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in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia amending the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia

Skopje, 10 December 2021

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*Presented to Parliament  
by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
by Command of His Majesty  
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**AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA AMENDING THE PARTNERSHIP, TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

**Letter No. 1**

*British Embassy Skopje to the Republic of North Macedonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

*Skopje  
10 December 2021*

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 North Macedonia, done at Skopje on 3 December 2020 (“the Agreement”), and to the recent discussions which have taken place between our respective Governments 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 72(3) of the Agreement, as a new Article 72(4):

‘4. 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, No.77, CPC prov, 1991.’

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, 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.

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*Republic of North Macedonia Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the British Embassy Skopje*

*Skopje  
10 December 2021*

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your note dated 10 December 2021, concerning the Partnership, Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Republic of North Macedonia, done at Skopje on 3 December 2020 (“the Agreement”), which reads as follows:

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In reply, I have the honour to confirm that the aforementioned proposal is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia 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 assurance of my highest consideration.

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