

# **Meeting of the UK TCA Domestic Advisory Group**

## **6 June 2025**

### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Discussion on Civil Society Forum agenda
3. Contributions to the DAG statement

### **Welcome and Introductions:**

1. The DAG Chair, Mike Clancy, welcomed all members to the meeting and outlined the agenda.

### **Discussion on Civil Society Forum agenda:**

2. DAG Chair Mike Clancy outlined the proposed agenda for the Civil Society Forum (CSF) and expressed that the EU Commission's approach to the CSF agenda should be more ambitious, given it was restricted to the scope of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), indicating that it does not extend far enough in terms of engagement. He stated that the UK and EU DAGs have made polite efforts to push back against the restriction to certain aspects of the TCA and were hoping to get a response following the meeting.
3. Members raised the timing of the CSF, and the need to maintain momentum ahead of the summer was emphasised. Members stated that there should be a particular focus on elements agreed in the common understanding at the CSF.

### **Contributions to the DAG statement:**

4. DAG Chair Mike Clancy explained the DAG's post summit statement that had been drafted and circulated and stated that it was important that the DAG provided a response to the common understanding. He then opened the floor to members for suggestions and points on the draft statement.

## **5. Points raised:**

- Members proposed the inclusion of specific wording regarding customs in the DAG statement.
  - One member expressed concerns from the maritime sector, indicating that they would send over relevant comments, which would also be partially addressed by feedback from the energy sector.
  - Members sought clarification on the timeline for ongoing negotiations, highlighting that the mandate-setting process should be prominent in the forthcoming joint DAG statement. Members stated that they would follow up on the specific text following the meeting.
  - A participant indicated a desire to add comments on industry engagement to the statement.
  - One member confirmed they would send additional remarks regarding veterinary medicines.
  - Another member suggested adding a statement on the removal of red tape to enhance the clarity of the message and stated that they would draft the text for this.
6. DAG Chair Mike Clancy stressed the necessity of incorporating definitive timescales into the statement. He urged members to send further comments by close of play today, with a target to circulate the statement by Monday. It was noted that some sectors had expressed discomfort with the current wording of the statement and the overall package of the deal.
7. The meeting concluded with an agreement to continue collaboration on the statement, ensuring all feedback is duly considered. Chair Mike Clancy thanked all members for their contributions and reaffirmed the importance of maintaining momentum as discussions progress.