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Dear Premier,

## **EU REFERENDUM**

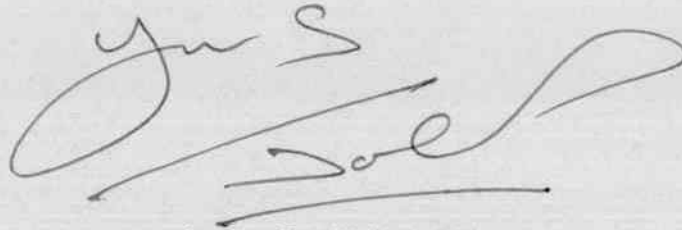
I was glad to have the opportunity to speak with you on 29 June to discuss the outcome of the European Union referendum held in the UK on 23 June. I agreed to write to confirm the main points we discussed.

The Prime Minister is clear that the will of the British people is an instruction that must be delivered. The Government must now prepare for the process of negotiations to exit the European Union. We will fully involve the Overseas Territories, the Devolved Administrations and the Crown Dependencies, in accordance with their various constitutional relationships with the UK, to ensure that all of their interests are taken properly into account.

The process to exit the European Union presents a number of challenges. However, these all take place against the background of a fundamentally strong UK economy. The Bank of England will not hesitate to take additional measures should they be required.


Finally, I should like to reiterate that the outcome of the referendum does not change the Constitutional relationship between the UK and the Territories, nor does it in any way reduce the UK's commitment to the Overseas Territories. On the contrary, the exit process provides an important opportunity to not only reframe our relationship with the European Union but to also recalibrate the valuable relationships we enjoy with our traditional partners, including Territory governments and countries in the Commonwealth.

As Minister for the Overseas Territories, I will continue actively to represent OT interests across government and ensure they are fully considered across Whitehall. I am keen to maintain an active dialogue with you and other Territory leaders in this process. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss any of these issues further.

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James Duddridge MP  
Minister for Africa, the Overseas Territories, and Caribbean

PS: with thanks again  
for your understanding  
support and advice.

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