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THE PRIME MINISTER

AN OPEN LETTER TO BUSINESS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

Since becoming Prime Minister, it has been my great privilege to have met with an inspiring range of British businesses. Whether hard working individuals, entrepreneurial start-ups, medium sized family firms or private businesses right up to the largest international corporations, my message has been clear: I want to make Britain the best place to start, to grow and to run a business.

We are an entrepreneurial and outward-looking nation whose successful businesses are at the heart of creating the prosperity with which we can build world class public services, crucial new infrastructure and a fair, safe, greener society.

For well over three years now, businesses in the United Kingdom have laboured under great uncertainty and I recognise how much work has gone in to preparations for Brexit in all scenarios. The message that I have heard has been as consistent as it was clear – our businesses need certainty and they preferred if possible to leave with a deal.

Despite many saying it was impossible, I am pleased to report that we have successfully negotiated a deal which provides the basis of a new relationship with the EU based on free trade and friendly cooperation. We can now get Brexit done and leave the EU in two weeks' time, without disruption and in a friendly way.

I believe that this is the right deal and the right way forward for the United Kingdom. It is a vital step towards the clarity that you, and the millions who work alongside you, require.

I shall now be asking MPs of all parties to come together and for Parliament to do its duty and to support this deal. Whilst there is more to be done in the years ahead, the priority now is to deliver Brexit and provide the certainty businesses need so that the country can come together and move on.

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