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The Rt Hon James Cleverly MP
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Dear Secretary of State

Congratulations on your reappointment.

The work of your Department is crucial in helping to make life better for people across the country and across the world. We wish you every success in the role.

As you may know, the Catholic Union works with others to represent the views and interests of the 4.5 million Catholics in Britain and advance the common good. We bring the experience and expertise of Catholic laity from all walks of life and every part of the United Kingdom into the public sphere.

There are many areas of your work of interest of Catholics – including delivering the Conservative manifesto commitment to implement the recommendations of the Truro Report into Christian persecution, strengthening relations with the Holy See, and ensuring a focus on fundamental human rights in the policy priorities of the Government internationally.

Earlier this year we were pleased to take part in the international ministerial conference on freedom of religion or belief. We welcomed the Government's efforts in hosting this conference, but we have also been clear that promoting FoRB is an ongoing concern rather than a one off event.

We would welcome an early opportunity to meet you or your Special Advisers to discuss mutual areas of interest, and how we might be able to work together. If you are agreeable, we would be delighted to hear from your office with some suitable dates and times for a meeting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

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