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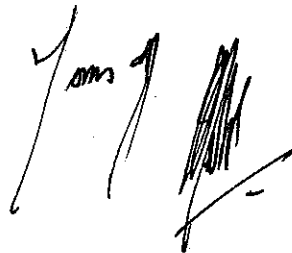
Thank you for your correspondence of 25 May on behalf of Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights) about child related issues raised at the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the UK's human rights record on 24 May.

Both the UK and Scottish governments welcome the constructive recommendations made by member states in the course of the UPR examination on 24 May. We also very much valued the positive engagement of stakeholder representatives at the subsequent meeting with NGOs in Geneva.

For our part, we wish to engage with the proposal of the UK Government to discuss the issues raised within Whitehall and with the devolved administrations. Further consultation with the respective National Human Rights Institutions and the NGO community is also planned. A formal response to the recommendations is likely to be submitted to the UN Human Rights Council in September.

As a general rule, both the UK and Scottish governments want to be in a position to respond as positively and constructively as possible to the suggestions presented by participants in the UPR process. Within that overall framework, there is clearly opportunity for continuing dialogue and debate within Scotland. We will certainly be looking to ensure that the Scottish perspective is appropriately represented in the formal UK response.

I understand from officials that you have submitted a paper on the UPR recommendations for discussion at the next Scottish Children's Rights Implementation Monitoring Group currently scheduled for 25 June and look forward to you and your colleagues being part of these and further discussions.

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