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Dear Michael

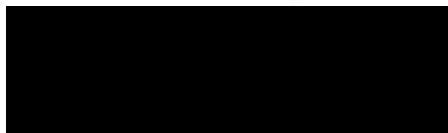
Thank you for your letter of 16 September 2021.

I can confirm that development of the final draft Programme is complete. It has been submitted to the Department of Finance (NI) and the Department for Public Expenditure and Reform in Ireland to complete the necessary approvals process.

The programme is scheduled to be submitted to the Government of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Executive this month for their approval, and will then require approval by the North South Ministerial Council.

Upon receipt of these approvals, the Programme will be formally submitted to the European Commission. We are hopeful that this process can be concluded in the coming months; as we have been working closely alongside them over the past year, with the expectation that we will be opening calls early in 2022.

Yours sincerely



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16 September 2021

Dear Gina

PEACE PLUS PROGRAMME

At its meeting on 15 September 2021, the Committee for the Executive Office discussed the PEACE PLUS programme process.

Further to your letter of 14 June 2021, the Committee asked that I write to you to ask at what stage is the PEACE PLUS programme at present and what stages, with anticipated dates, the programme still has to progress through towards final approval.

In the minutes of the twenty-sixth plenary meeting of the North South Ministerial Council on the 30th July it details:

'The Council noted that the exact quantum of the PEACE PLUS programme has yet to be finalised, but is expected to be in excess of €1bn, and that the final detailed programme proposals for the PEACE PLUS programme will be submitted for approval to both Administrations and to the European Commission, as well as to the Council, at the earliest opportunity.'

The Committee wants to ensure there are no time delays during this process for the PEACE PLUS programme, with the final stage being submission to the European Commission.

I would appreciate a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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