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Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Immigration.

We are writing to you now to follow up on previous commitments and interactions we had with your predecessor Caroline Nokes MP regarding our joint APPG report on Visas for African Visitors to the UK, launched in July 2019, a copy of which we are pleased to enclose here.

Caroline met with the APPGs during our inquiry and corresponded with us on various questions. She also spoke on the panel at the report launch and took questions from the audience. The former Minister committed to respond formally to the report's findings which we understand are being prepared but we have yet to receive. In November, we met with the Africa Minister, Andrew Stephenson MP who was sympathetic to the report's findings and informed the APPG that his team were liaising with yours on an official response from the Government. You will be aware that there has been a great deal of public interest in the report and whilst we appreciate there has been a lot of change and upheaval in recent months, now that 6 months have passed since the report was published, are you able to indicate when we will receive a response?

We are keen to continue the very constructive relationship we have had with your office and would be keen to meet with you to discuss the report and any progress that has been made since the inquiry ended. Perhaps we could explore some dates in February or early March? We would be grateful if your office could liaise directly with the Hetty Bailey-Morgan to set up a meeting time on baileyh@parliament.uk.

On behalf of the APPGs and organisations involved in the inquiry and report we would like to thank you in anticipation for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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