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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: POST BREXIT TRADE**

Thank you for contacting me about the Government's vision for a global Britain.

The Government's vision for Britain outside the EU is clear: a fully-independent, sovereign country with the freedom to make our own decisions. We are leaving the EU, we are not leaving Europe. The Government will build a global Britain that will trade around the world, build new alliances with other countries and deliver prosperity for its people.

The UK remains committed to operations and missions around the world as a strong and reliable ally: for example, in continuing to play our part in countering Daesh. The UK will continue to be a leading member of NATO. We are also a permanent member of the UN Security Council, a member of the Commonwealth, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and the Five Power Defence Arrangements in the Far East. The UK also has strong and valued bilateral relationships in the defence and security field with countries around the world, and the EU referendum does not change this.

As an outward-looking, globally engaged nation, I believe that the UK should work to tackle international problems at their source - not wait for them to arrive on our doorstep. The UK will continue to play a leading role in international development: the Government remains committed to spending 0.7 per cent of national income on development assistance, and to achieving the UN's Global Goals and ending extreme poverty by 2030. We can help developing countries leave aid dependency behind and become our trading partners of the future.

Ministers will make an assessment of how the UK will work with the EU institutions as part of the exit negotiations. Outside the EU, the Government will have better control over where we are spending our money and looks forward to working with all our international partners in future.

Withdrawing from the EU will give us the opportunity to shape our own international trade and investment opportunities, drive even greater openness with international partners and put Britain firmly at the forefront of global trade and investment. The Department for International Trade is working closely with counterparts across a wide range of markets in order to promote the UK as a great place to do business and with which to trade. The Government is taking advantage of all the opportunities available to us to ensure that Britain becomes the global leader in free trade once we leave the EU.

We live in a stable and liberal democracy, we are one of the world's largest economies, we have a significant role in maintaining international peace and security and we are open to the world for business.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.