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| **TITLE**  | **Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations)**  |
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The next JMC (EU Negotiations) will take place this week on Thursday 21 May with parties participating remotely. The UK Government will Chair. This is the first JMC(EN) meeting since January.

I have spoken bilaterally weekly with the UK Government’s Paymaster General, Penny Mordaunt MP. These discussions have been welcome but not accompanied by written papers so are necessarily limited in their effectiveness. Therefore, I will continue to press for structured, collective and detailed discussions involving all three Devolved Governments and the UK Government on the negotiations, and in particular on changes to the UK Government’s negotiating position at JMC(EN).

There will also be an update on the transition period, where I will continue to call for an extension, in light of the pressures on all governments in responding to COVID-19. Other matters covered in this item will be operational readiness, legislation and the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Finally, I will call for the IGR Review to continue, picking up the important work done at official level last year on dispute avoidance and resolution, as well as lessons being learned during the Covid-19 pandemicI will update Members following the meeting.