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The Rt Hon David Lammy MP
Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs
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Re: Rejoining the Erasmus+ Programme

Dear Foreign Secretary,

I am writing to warmly welcome the Government's announcement, following the recent UK-EU Summit, of its intention to rejoin the Erasmus+ programme as an associated country.

This is a positive and long-overdue step that will once again open up transformative opportunities for young people across the UK to study, volunteer and collaborate in Europe. Erasmus+ has always been about more than just mobility - it builds mutual understanding, broadens horizons, and creates lasting partnerships across borders.

This is also a deeply personal matter for me. I first came to the UK from Rome as a student. That opportunity allowed me to build a life, raise a family, and eventually settle in beautiful Stratford-on-Avon, which I am now proud to represent in Parliament. I know first-hand how valuable international exchange can be in shaping lives and strengthening communities.

Erasmus+ is not only for university students. It is the largest youth opportunity programme in the world, offering placements and experiences for young people of all backgrounds including those in vocational training, adult education, youth work and sport. Its reach is wide, and its impact profound, especially for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

With that in mind, I would be grateful for further detail on the Government's plans, including:

1. The expected timeline for concluding negotiations and when UK participation will formally resume;
2. Whether the full scope of Erasmus+, including school partnerships, vocational placements, youth programmes and adult learning, will be included;
3. How this new arrangement will interact with the existing Turing Scheme;

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4. What steps will be taken to ensure access and participation across all regions of the UK, particularly for underrepresented and disadvantaged groups.

I urge the Government to deliver this commitment with ambition, clarity and urgency, and to work closely with education providers, youth organisations and voluntary groups to ensure the UK's return to Erasmus+ is a success.

Yours sincerely,

Manuela

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Manuela Perteghella'.

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