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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 2 August addressed to the Prime Minister, sharing the work of the British Association of Snowsport Instructors (BASI). I recognise the great work you have done with my department and its predecessors to support British sports professionals in Europe.

Your letter highlights the issues faced by British professionals working in the EU and requests that we continue to negotiate to get a deal. I can reassure you that we will work in an energetic and determined way to get a deal. We are very willing to sit down with the Commission and EU Member States to talk about what needs to be done to achieve that.

I fully recognise that Mutual Recognition of Professional Qualifications is important for many UK businesses and individuals and our goal is an agreement centred on a best in class Free Trade Agreement with the EU. The UK has already put in place arrangements to uphold recognition decisions issued by UK regulators made prior to Exit. Similarly, the Commission has stated that recognition decisions made prior to Exit by EU Member States on qualifications obtained in the UK will not be affected. This should ensure your members already working in the EU retain valid qualifications.

We are committed to working closely with UK regulators and BEIS policy officials will be in contact to ensure that we fully understand your interests.

Thank you once again for taking the time to write. I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON JO JOHNSON MP