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Pola,

NAPO CHECK-OFF FACILITIES

During our telephone conversation on 8 June, you requested that I reconsider the decision regarding the termination of check-off facilities for Napo with effect from 30 September. Following advice from my officials and after due consideration, I have decided to agree to your request. I am content to grant Napo an extension until 31 December in exchange for your ongoing commitment to discussions to reform terms and conditions and negotiations about collective bargaining arrangements.

Your positive and constructive engagement in these discussions is helpful and valued. I hope that this is the first step in reaching agreement on a number of issues, and I look forward to hearing the outcome of current negotiations.

I look forward to meeting you properly on 14 July.

MICHAEL GOVE