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Message from  
The Rt Hon David Cameron MP,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

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I am delighted to welcome Enrique Peña Nieto to Downing Street for his first visit to London as President of Mexico. It is fitting that the President's State Visit is taking place this year, the dual year of the UK in Mexico and Mexico in the UK – a year-long celebration of the business, scientific and cultural ties between our two nations.

The UK and Mexico have a growing relationship that spans sectors including trade and investment, international security, climate change, education and tourism. Building a vibrant economic partnership with Mexico is part of our long-term plan to deliver economic growth and jobs in both our economies, and it's encouraging to see that the latest figures show that bilateral trade now stands at £3.3 billion. We are committed to continuing this growth to reach our target of £4.2 billion by the end of this year.

President Peña Nieto's visit will highlight the huge

opportunities that the Mexican market offers and enable us to promote British capability and expertise to our Mexican counterparts. Through cooperative innovation, the UK and Mexico keep our economies competitive and sustainably improve global living standards.

The UK and Mexico are amongst the strongest advocates of free trade and open economies and are strong supporters of further trade liberalisation. We are natural partners on the global stage, cooperating closely within the G20, OECD and the UN.

Following on from the visit of Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall to Mexico in November, President Peña Nieto's State Visit will celebrate the ties between the Mexican and British peoples and create new opportunities to work together. I am sure that this will leave a lasting legacy that binds us more closely together now and in the years ahead. 

Rt Hon David Cameron MP,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland