



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION

Between

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND
NORTHERN IRELAND**

and

THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is made by and between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“the United Kingdom”) and the State of Florida in the United States of America (“the State of Florida”), (collectively, the “Participants” and each a “Participant”).

WHEREAS, the United Kingdom and the State of Florida maintain strong historic, cultural, and commercial links;

WHEREAS, the Participants recognise the overall importance of the economic relationship between the United States of America and the Participants and the relationship between the United Kingdom and the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, the Participants aim to deepen their already well-established relationship in order to enhance trade relations, promote sustainable growth, increase investment, and strengthen emerging and innovative industries;

WHEREAS, the Participants recognise that research, technology, including digital technology and digitisation, entrepreneurship, and innovation are fundamental to economic growth and prosperity, and to succeed in the international innovation economy, there is a need to strengthen their respective abilities to accelerate the commercialisation of innovations, to accelerate growth of domestic firms, and recognise the mutually enabling relationship between innovation and trade;

SECTION 10: ENTRY INTO OPERATION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

- i. This MOU will come into operation on the date of the later of the Participants' signatures and will continue to have effect until it is terminated or renewed.
- ii. The Participants may amend this MOU at any time upon their mutual written consent.
- iii. Either Participant may terminate this MOU by providing 45 days' written notice of its withdrawal to the other Participant.

SECTION 11: STATUS OF THIS MOU

- i. This MOU is not legally binding under state, national, or international law and does not create any legal obligation to carry out or to financially support any activity.
- ii. The Participants confirm that all actions they carry out under this MOU will be subject as appropriate to applicable laws, rules, and obligations.
- iii. This MOU does not affect the rights of and obligations of third parties or the rights of the Participants to conclude arrangements or agreements with respect to any matter described in this MOU.

The foregoing record represents the understandings reached between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the State of Florida in the United States of America upon the matters referred to therein.

This MOU is signed on November 14, 2023 in Jacksonville, Florida by:



THE RT. HON. KEMI BADENOCH MP

Secretary of State for Business & Trade and
President of the Board of Trade
Minister for Women & Equalities

For the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland



THE HON. RON DESANTIS

Governor

For the State of Florida

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