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Dear Convener,

I am writing to the Committee in respect of the successful joint United Kingdom and Ireland bid to host the UEFA European Football Championship in 2028. On 10 October, UEFA announced the winning bid at a ceremony in Nyon, Switzerland, where Scotland was represented by the Scottish Football Association.

Scotland has a well-earned global reputation as an outstanding host of major events, and football - our national game – is a powerful force for good in communities across the country. It is this combination which underpinned Scottish Government support for the bid.

Hosting EURO 2028 in Scotland will provide a range of opportunities, not only through the economic benefits of visiting fans, but through a strong legacy programme that will help grow a more inclusive and diverse game right across the country, alongside addressing other key priorities for the Scottish Government. I'm excited about the opportunity we have to spread the benefits of the event to communities across Scotland through this legacy programme.

As the next phase of event planning progresses, I undertake to keep the Scottish Parliament, including this Committee, informed on developments and would be happy to engage with you on this in more detail if helpful at appropriate points.

I hope that the Committee finds this update helpful.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christina McKelvie".

Christina McKelvie