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The Rt Hon the Lord McFall of Alcluith, Speaker of the House of Lords
Sir Lindsay Hoyle, Speaker of the House of Commons

The Hague, 12 September 2022

Dear colleagues,

With deep sadness we learned of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts are with the Royal Family and with the British people.

Her life of exceptional service to the United Kingdom and its people for over 70 years deserves our greatest respect. She was a beacon of calm and stability for several generations. Her Majesty the Queen gave her heart and soul to the British people, the country and the Commonwealth. She will always be remembered by the impressive way in which she carried out her duty tirelessly, calmly, and with humour. Both the Senate and the House of Representatives will observe a minute of silence to honour her memory at the opening of their meetings on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

On behalf of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, we would like to express our heartfelt condolences to the Parliament of the United Kingdom on this profound loss. Please be so kind as to convey our condolences to the Royal Family.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Anthonie Bruijn

President of the Senate of the Netherlands

Vera Bergkamp

Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands