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Dear Mrs Granat,

International engagement inquiry

The European and External Relations Committee has agreed to undertake an inquiry into the Scottish Government's international engagement. I attach a copy of the inquiry plan which sets out the work the Committee is undertaking.

In some ways the inquiry is an update of one undertaken by the Committee's predecessor in 2005 – '[An inquiry into the Promotion of Scotland Worldwide](#)'. The present Committee is interested to see how things have changed compared to what its predecessor found in 2005.

Unusually for this inquiry we are not putting out an open call for evidence (although any is welcome), but focussing on those organisations that gave evidence in 2005. In addition we thought it would be appropriate to elicit responses from organisations representing minority groups, who might have a particular view on international engagement. That is why we are writing to you. You are welcome to add any general points that you would wish to the specific questions listed below.

I should also point out that the Committee has decided in principle to take no oral evidence in this inquiry. If there are any issues that you wish to raise with the Committee you will need to do it as part of your submission.

I appreciate that this is an unusual approach and if you have any queries about your response, please do not hesitate to contact Kathleen Wallace on 0131.348.5191 or kathleen.wallace@scottish.parliament.uk.

I attach a link to the Scottish Government's international framework (published 22 April 2008) for your background information:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/04/23150847>

The deadline for responses is **Monday 20 December 2010**.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irene Oldfather', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**IRENE OLDFATHER MSP
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European and External Relations Committee
International Engagement Inquiry

Organisation: Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

Please complete this evidence sheet and return it to: europe@scottish.parliament.uk

- 1. In your opinion, is there a clear, coherent, co-ordinated and well-resourced strategy for international relations within the Scottish Government and its agencies?**

- 2. Are there any specific successes or failures that you would wish to highlight?**

- 3. Is there anything we should learn from the successes of other regions and their initiatives?**

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