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From The Secretary of State for Wales

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I have seen your minute of 30 July to the Prime Minister. I agree that an element of flexibility is necessary in view of the other fundamental changes we will have to consider. However I fear that preventing the IBA from making new contracts on this round for longer than two years would be unnecessarily disruptive and could have a severe effect on ITV, including S4C, possibly inhibiting investment. I therefore suggest you might consider, as an alternative, that a period in excess of two years should be permitted with a provision for a break clause.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of your minute.

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