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Dear Tasha,

The UK MOD would like to convey its warm congratulations to the United States Defense Standardization Program for 70 years of dedicated service to the Department of Defense and the US Armed Forces.

Working with a common intent with our US colleagues we have achieved some notable successes, most prominent of which resulted from our joint drive to use civilian standards wherever possible and military ones only where necessary. This, together with our closely aligned international standardization programmes, have allowed both of our Nations to be able to shape NATO's thinking on standardization and bring real benefit to the wider Alliance.

As longstanding allies, we would like to thank you for your enduring commitment to standardization. We look forward to building on our successes and the opportunity to work in tandem to exploit the opportunities that emerging disruptive technologies offer. In particular, around digital modelling and simulation where open standards will be a significant enabler for NATO, and to ensure we collectively embrace the changes needed for us to contribute to a sustainable environment.

Congratulations

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