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By e-mail to bcw global

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Dear Vice President,

### **HIKVISION TECHNOLOGIES IN SCOTLAND**

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2023 requesting a meeting to discuss the role that Hikvision technology plays in the public safety and security context in Scotland.

I am of course aware of the significant interest in the future of Hikvision's operations that you reference including public statements made by UK Government relating to security concerns at sensitive sites and core networks. Equally, my understanding is that there is no current ban in place within Europe, the UK, or Scotland.

Against that context, I agree that it is crucial that companies like Hikvision can meet with public officials and independent officeholders to share their ethical, technical, and cybersecurity standards, as well as having the opportunity to discuss broader matters of governance, and social and corporate responsibility.

I currently have availability in my diary on Friday 24 February and would be agreeable to meet with you to discuss such issues further should this date be suitable. I am based in Edinburgh but would be happy to meet at a location convenient to your schedule. This will also give me the opportunity to explain the independent role I exercise in Scotland on behalf of the Parliament, the policing sector bodies in Scotland to whom my functions extend, and to discuss the statutory Code of Practice in Scotland which covers technologies which acquire, use, retain, or destroy biometric data.

Yours sincerely,

*Brian Plastow*

**Dr Brian Plastow**  
**Scottish Biometrics Commissioner**