SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY & SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT

1. The Scottish National Party and the Scottish Green Party have reached agreement on how a new Government in Scotland will be established that pursues a progressive programme and which places addressing climate change at the heart of its agenda.

2. The two parties agree on the following core issues and commit to working together on them. Both parties:
   
   i) oppose the building of new nuclear power stations;
   
   ii) agree to early legislation to reduce climate-change pollution each year; and
   
   iii) have long believed that Scotland can be more successful with independence and will work to extend the responsibilities of the Scottish Parliament, always trusting the people to decide their constitutional future.

3. Therefore, the Scottish Green Party is committed to supporting the Scottish National Party in the votes for First Minister and Ministerial appointments. For their part, the Scottish National Party agrees to consult Scottish Green Party MSPs in advance regarding the broad shape of each year’s legislative and policy programme (together with any key measures announced in-year), and in relation to the substance of the budget process. The Scottish National Party also agrees to nominate a Green Party MSP as Convenor of a subject committee for which the SNP is the nominating Party.

4. In the context of the wider Parliamentary consultation and engagement involving all parties which the SNP wants to see develop, they also agree to give sympathetic consideration to issues raised by the Green Party in Parliament, including via Motions and Members Bills.

5. The SNP and the Scottish Green Party believe this agreement sets an example for the new Parliament of parties working constructively together, seeking consensus and agreement, to deliver a progressive agenda for Scotland. Both Parties will consider further opportunities to work together co-operatively, as other policy issues arise.

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