

MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF TRADE RELATIONS MR S ISWARAN VISITS BELGIUM AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, Mr S Iswaran, will be making an official visit to Brussels, Belgium and London, the United Kingdom (UK), from 31 January to 3 February 2023. The visit will reaffirm Singapore's longstanding and robust economic relations with the European Union (EU) and the UK.

2 In Brussels, Minister Iswaran will meet European Commission Executive Vice President for An Economy that Works for People and Trade Commissioner Valdis Dombrovskis, and European Commissioner for Internal Market Thierry Breton. Both sides will reinforce the strong economic cooperation and digital connectivity between Singapore and the EU, through joint efforts on the EU-Singapore Digital Partnership (EUSDP) and Digital Trade Principles (the first deliverable of the EUSDP). This follows from Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong's announcement of the substantial conclusion of the EUSDP during his meeting with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen in December 2022. Minister Iswaran will also have meetings with other EU officials and engage businesses on exploring projects and initiatives under the EUSDP.

3 In London, Minister Iswaran will meet with UK Secretary of State for International Trade Kemi Badenoch as well as others UK officials and stakeholders to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral economic ties between Singapore and the UK.

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