



## Defence Committee

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*Dr Secretary of State*

I have been approached to ask you whether you would consider including body-armour and equipment, such as backpacks, designed specifically for women, as part of the UK's support for Ukraine, where women are serving in combat positions in the Armed Forces, National Police and Border Guard, as well as paramedics.

You may remember that inadequacies in the provision of such equipment to our own servicewomen was one of the issues raised in our Sub-Committee report on Women in the Armed Forces, and it is a tribute to your efforts to improve the situation that a request has been made for supplies of the Virtus Scalable Tactical Vest.

I very much support this idea and hope that you will be able to respond positively.

*Very best*

**Rt Hon. Tobias Ellwood MP**  
**Chair of the Defence Committee**